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Lebanese president won't let PM quit

DAVID RUDGE and news agencies

LEBANESE Prime Minister Rafik Hariri and Parliament Speaker Nabih Berri are due to visit Damascus today in an effort to resolve the political crisis caused by Hariri's decision to resign.

Hariri announced his decision on Friday, claiming he was not able to operate freely. President Elias Hrawi refused to accept the resignation.

"True, in the past I have disagreed with Hariri, but honest to God this man wants to rebuild the country," the Beirut daily *an-Nahar* quoted Hrawi as saying.

"If he sends me his written resignation, I will not only refuse it but tear it up, because the country cannot bear a political crisis now and because it still needs him. I refuse his resignation," Hrawi told *ad-Diyar*, another Beirut daily, in an interview bitterly attacking Hariri's critics.

Hariri, a multi-millionaire with close ties to Saudi Arabia, where he made his fortune as a building contractor, was brought in as prime minister two years ago to try to overcome Lebanon's dire economic situation.

He partially succeeded in stabilizing the Lebanese pound, but inflation is still running rampant.

Last week, private sector workers staged a nationwide strike to protest the situation and press their demands for substantial wage rises.

The government banned civil servants and public sector employees from participating in the stoppages. It also slapped a ban on all public demonstrations.

Hariri, a Sunni Moslem, is still considered by many, including Hrawi, the best candidate for putting Lebanon back on stable economic footing after the devastation wreaked by 16 years of civil war.

The trouble started when he tried to enter the political field and began to take his duties as prime minister equally seriously, instead of just concentrating on the economy.

Berri, who is also head of the pro-Syrian Amal Shi'ite movement, has been a constant thorn in Hariri's side, accusing him of trying to turn the government into a one-man show.

Reports from Lebanon said Syrian President Hafez Assad had intervened in the dispute, and the two were being called to Damascus to try to resolve the matter.

Inclement weather in the capital didn't deter these children from venturing outside yesterday. (Hendler)

Bad weather claims one victim

DAVID RUDGE and BILL HUTMAN

SNOW blanketed mountain peaks in the North and some central areas yesterday as temperatures throughout the country plummeted.

The weather claimed one victim – a homeless man in Bnei Brak who died of exposure.

Several centimeters of snow fell in Hebron, with only light snow in the capital in the morning, which did not accumulate.

Roads in the Golan Heights from Kibbutz Ein Zivan to Mt. Hermon were closed for much of the day because of the snow. Plows later cut a route to the Hermon ski site from the Druse village Majdal Shams.

Ski site manager Eli Sagron said 35 cm. of snow had accumulated on the lower slopes of Mt. Hermon and up to 80 cm. on the peak.

The site is to open today to visitors for the first time this season. Sagron said they hoped some ski runs would be ready for use by tomorrow. Snow also fell on Mt. Meron and on nearby Safed last night.

Safed Mayor Moshe Haniya said heavy mechanical equipment, including plows and gravel trucks, were standing by to ensure that main routes, especially to the government hospital, would be kept open.

Haniya said teams were also ready to dispense essential supplies to residents in case some homes were cut off and people were unable to reach stores.

Col. Koby Ya'acovi, head of Northern Command engineers corps, said the army had also put its heavy equipment on standby to help clear essential routes should it prove necessary.

While the North experienced snow, other parts of the country suffered from hail, heavy rain, and thunderstorms, often accompanied by strong gusts of wind.

Flooding was reported in several places especially in the Negev and Arava, where several roads were closed.

The Hatzbani River, one of the tributaries of the Jordan, burst its banks and threatened homes in Moshav Beit Hillel.

The winter storms are expected to die out by tomorrow and be replaced by dry but still cold weather.

The Jerusalem municipality last night called on residents to avoid driving this morning because subzero temperatures are expected to freeze over damp city streets.

"The best advice I can think of is for residents to listen to the radio this morning and that way they'll know exactly what the situation is," a city spokesman said last night.

PA: IDF must redeploy in areas

Cabinet meets today to discuss interim stage

ALON PINKAS and news agencies

THE Palestinian Authority yesterday demanded that Israel implement the entire autonomy accord, including a redeployment of troops in the territories.

The demand followed comments by Israeli cabinet ministers who said the 120,000 Jews in the territories would not be safe if the IDF withdrew from Arab population centers on the eve of Palestinian elections, as stipulated by the autonomy agreement.

Arafat's cabinet discussed Palestinian negotiating positions during its weekly meeting yesterday, and came out strongly against renegotiating the framework of the agreement.

"Israel must implement everything it has agreed upon with the Palestinians," Information Minister Yasser Abed-Rabbo told reporters after the meeting. "Redeployment and holding elections are at the top of the Palestinian agenda."

Senior Israeli officials said last week that redeployment is not feasible because of an increase in attacks on Israelis, both from the PLO-ruled areas and from territory under Israeli control.

The interim arrangements in the territories under the Oslo Accords are to be discussed at today's cabinet meeting.

Several ministers said the discussion, which was delayed a week due to the absence of several cabinet members, will be crucial in light of the recent uncertainty of the Palestinian Authority's ability to deal with terror.

Some ministers said they feel they have been left out of the decision-making process on the interim arrangements.

The cabinet will discuss recent comments by Deputy Foreign Minister Yossi Beilin that Israel should immediately negotiate a permanent settlement.

Agriculture Minister Ya'acov Tsur is to present the cabinet with a plan to create Palestinian enclaves in the territories which would require the need to evacuate certain settlements.

Chief of General Staff Lt.-Gen. Ehud Barak and senior General Security Service officials will brief the cabinet on problems emanating from the planned redeployment of the IDF, army sources said last night.

Barak had previously warned that full redeployment and ensuring the security of settlements and roads are essentially incompatible. He is expected to highlight the complex situation that would inevitably result from the redeployment in terms of providing security for settlements close to major Palestinian population centers and securing roads used by Israelis.

According to the sources, he will also tell the cabinet that if the IDF is to redeploy on a temporary basis, it will find it difficult to regain control of city centers.

PLO-Israeli talks on Palestinian elections will resume in Cairo on Tuesday, a government spokesman and Nabil Shaath, the PA's chief negotiator, announced yesterday.

Shaath told reporters the talks would be conducted by two PLO-Israeli committees.

"One committee will discuss the concept of the interim settlement and another specialized committee will discuss elections," he said.

Palestinian Police fall short in ending violence – US

Jerusalem Post Staff and news agencies

THE Palestinian Police have not been as effective as they could be in halting extremist violence in Gaza, US State Department officials said in a report issued on Friday. However, they concluded that overall the PLO is fulfilling its peace commitments to Israel.

The report also expressed disappointment over the fact that the Palestinian National Council has not yet formally amended its covenant to expunge sections of the document denying Israel's right to exist, and urged it to do so as soon as possible.

The assessments, contained in a report by the State Department to Congress, makes possible continued US funding for the Palestinian Authority and for other Mideast peace-related activities.

President Bill Clinton's administration is required by law to file a report assessing the PLO's progress in carrying out its peace agreement with Israel every six months.

AIPAC dismissed the report's findings, however, noting that "the Palestinian Police themselves state that it is not carrying out arrests because Yasser Arafat does not want them to. When they do make arrests, they free those arrested without interrogation or trial because Arafat wants them freed. The head of the Palestinian Police has said that it would be possible to impound illegal weapons and disband illegal militias, but these things are not done because the leadership doesn't want to carry out such steps.

"If peace is to succeed in the Middle East," AIPAC said in a statement, "Arafat must change direction. The American people, the Clinton administration, and the Congress must show determination and tell the PLO that the organization cannot have good relations with the US without Arafat honoring his commitments to Israel."

The State Department report said "the Palestinian Police have not been as effective as they could have been in halting acts of violence by Hamas or Islamic Jihad in or from Gaza against Israeli soldiers and civilians.

"While the Palestinian Authority carried out a number of highly-publicized mass detentions in Gaza and continued to cooperate with Israeli authorities, it has been less effective in follow-up investigation and prosecution of offenders."

It called for the PA and the Palestinian Police to "do more in this critical area," and said US officials are still "monitoring recent developments carefully."

The State Department said the PLO's conflict with militant groups opposed to the peace process may have reached a watershed in a confrontation on November 18 when Palestinian Police killed and wounded numerous demonstrators.

"This may augur a more determined effort by the PLO to prevent violent challenges to the peace process," it said, adding: "These developments bear careful watching to confirm that the PLO is continuing to abide by its commitments."

Nevertheless, the State Department concluded that "the period since the administration's last report has confirmed the PLO's commitment to seek a peaceful negotiated settlement to its conflict with Israel."

During the reporting period, June 1 through November 30, the PLO has been negotiating in good faith and demonstrated it recognizes Israel's right to exist, the report said.

The PLO has also abided by its commitment to renounce terrorism with its statements denouncing acts of violence and terrorism having become "more timely, frequent and authoritative," it added.

It also concluded that "no PLO elements under Arafat's control directed or organized any attacks on Israelis since our last report."

Rabin: US won't force us to accept Assad's terms

Jerusalem Post and news agencies

SYRIAN President Hafez Assad is mistaken if he believes Washington will force Israel to accept Damascus's terms for peace, Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin said on Friday.

US Secretary of State Warren Christopher returns to the region on Tuesday to try to reactivate Israeli-Syrian talks, deadlocked for more than three years.

Rabin, speaking to Israeli newspaper editors and foreign correspondents, said he did not question the importance of reaching a peace treaty with Syria, but not at any price, or under any conditions.

"I think the time has come for President Assad ... to understand that if he thinks the US will 'deliver' Israel – that is not the way to conduct negotiations," Rabin said. "If Syria really prefers the present situation over peace, peace cannot be forced. We cannot force it on the Syrians. The Syrians cannot force it on us, and the United States ... understands that coercion and peace contradict each other."

Assad had said on Thursday that Syria prefers maintaining the status quo, rather than responding to Israeli demands he termed "impossible to accept."

Rabin said both Israel and Arab regimes were endangered by an Iranian-backed "ugly wave of extremist, fundamentalist, terroristic Islam that has swept the Arab and Moslem world."

Noting what he termed an upsurge in mosque construction in the US and western Europe, Rabin said: "Today extremist Islam has an international infrastructure."

Senior sources in Washington said that during his trip, Christopher will reportedly request that Assad allow a congressional committee to visit Syria in order to investigate the fate of Israeli MIAs.

Meanwhile, Itamar Rabinovich, chief negotiator with Syria and ambassador to Washington, said on Friday that Assad's charges were a sign of "distress" over Israel's progress on other Middle East peace tracks.

He said Syria had hoped to offer improved ties with Arab states and a lifting of the Arab economic boycott as inducements to progress over the Golan.

Rabin: If Syria prefers the present situation over peace, peace cannot be forced. (AP)

"Today Syria has to deal with a situation in which Israel has already obtained a number of these elements," he told Army Radio.

"They feel their negotiating position has been weakened, and the Syrian negotiator's natural instinct in these circumstances is not to relax, but to rigidify his stance."

Rabinovich expressed hope the Christopher visit would lift the "onerous atmosphere" which he said recent Syrian statements had created.

"Assad thinks he can get additional concessions from us, ahead of the date that we see as the end of the time of opportunity," Deputy Foreign Minister Yossi Beilin said.

"I can tell him in the clearest manner: Israel does not intend further concessions," Beilin told Army Radio.

In Budapest, Foreign Minister Shimon Peres said on Friday he is optimistic about prospects for peace with Syria.

"I am always an optimistic man, but I wish it could move a little bit quicker on the ground," Peres told Reuters.

He was in Budapest to attend the bi-annual council meeting of the Socialist International.

He is due to meet there today with Egyptian Foreign Minister Amr Moussa.

2 Egyptians to be hanged for killings

CAIRO (Reuter) – Egypt, passing swift justice on its Moslem militant opponents, yesterday sentenced two men to hang for an attack in September which killed two German tourists and two Egyptians in the Red Sea resort of Hurghada.

A military court in Haekstep, northeast of Cairo, sentenced another 14 men, five of whom are fugitives, to prison terms ranging from five to 15 years.

"Prison and death will not deter us from Islam," the accused chanted at the start of the heavily guarded court hearing. "Egypt is an Islamic state."

Two Egyptians and a German tourist were killed when Ahmed and Rabia Mohammed Mahmoud Hassanein drove into Hurghada's crowded market place on the evening of September 27 and opened fire with automatic rifles on a group of foreigners.

A second German wounded in the attack died after being returned home, the court was told.

Al-Ahram quoted Ahmed as saying during his trial that killing tourists was justified because they "spread sedition" and brought in revenue which helped support the Egyptian government.

He said he regretted the deaths of the two Egyptians, which occurred because the attackers were unused to handling guns.

Defense lawyers, making a last-ditch attempt to save their clients, said the government's case was based entirely on confessions extracted from Ahmed.

State prosecutors had demanded the death penalty for two other men accused of helping plan and carry out the attack. They were sentenced in absentia to 15 and 10 years in prison.

Egypt has sentenced 60 people to death since 1992, when President Hosni Mubarak, impatient with the long appeal process of civilian courts, started sending militants for trial in military courts.

Old City gang tried to defend Christians from Moslem attacks

BILL HUTMAN

SEVEN Christians from Jerusalem's Old City, including a Greek Orthodox priest, were arrested last week for allegedly forming an armed gang to protect Christians from Moslems.

Jerusalem police spokesman Shmuel Ben-Ruby announced the arrests last night, saying five of the seven were remanded for seven days on Friday.

The other two, including the priest whose accidental injury while using one of the gang's weapons led to its being uncovered, were released on bail, Ben-Ruby said.

The arrests come as reports of attacks by Moslem extremists on Christian targets in the Old City have increased in recent months.

The Christian gang was uncovered during an investigation sparked by the hospitalization with shrapnel wounds of Father John Kodsodimitrophilos, 25, on Wednesday.

He told police a bomb was thrown at him on the Via Dolorosa. But police found no signs of a bomb during a search of the area.

Intelligence tips led investigators to two homes in the Christian Quarter, where caches containing a homemade gun, knives, spiked clubs, and other light weapons were found.

The priest later admitted that he was not wounded in a bomb attack, but when the homemade gun he tried to fire blew up in his hand, the police spokesman said.

The suspects include Samir Wakila, 22, Sami Wakila, 18, and their brother, who is a minor; Hafiz Sayid, 22, and his brother, also a minor; Ziyad Salah, 22, and Kodsodimitrophilos.

The investigation was headed by Deputy Commander David Givati, commander of the Kishleh police station, who recently met with Old City Christian leaders to discuss their security concerns.

Police are considering setting up a special unit to secure Christian holy sites in the Old City, according to Givati.

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US promises immediate $4m. in aid to Palestinians

DAVID MAKOVSKY and news agencies

THE United States said over the weekend it would immediately make available $4 million in aid to the Palestinian Authority and expedite the disbursement of another $12m.

The announcement followed an international donors meeting on Wednesday in Brussels that agreed to meet the Palestinian budget deficit of $125m. and pump $23m. into boosting employment in territories.

The US has also agreed to use another $4m. to pay the salaries of the Palestinian Police.

World leaders are concerned that the economic desperation among Palestinians in the territories is fueling the violence and political unrest that could unravel the Israel-PLO accord.

After the Palestinian Authority's weekly cabinet meeting in Gaza yesterday, Nabil Shaath said the PA discussed the allocation of economic aid pledged by international donor states in Brussels.

The donors said they would give the cash-strapped authority only $200m. of the $240m. pledged in 1994.

"We have indicated to the cabinet that the $200m. will be divided as follows: $102m. for current expenditure, $23m. for quick projects, and $59m. for medium-sized projects," Shaath said.

"This should give us a push to go ahead quickly with providing employment, starting projects, and paying for all current expenditure," Shaath said.

PLO leader Yasser Arafat said yesterday he would approve any rehabilitation program which would help them find employment.

"Today in the cabinet meeting we decided that anyone who will carry out any job using his hands or legs will immediately be given a job in the Palestinian Authority," Arafat said.

In Budapest yesterday, Foreign Minister Shimon Peres appealed to Western countries to back their calls for Middle East peace with cash for Palestinians trying to build autonomy.

"You always urged that we should solve the conflict between the Israelis and the Palestinians. Now that we solve it you must help us," Peres told a meeting of the Socialist International in Budapest.

Aides said Peres's message was a direct appeal to European Union states and others to back pressure for negotiations between Israel and the PLO with new money to ensure the success of the peace effort.

"I think the PLO should be helped economically to make the Gaza Strip a more acceptable and promising place and I think it is possible to do so," Peres told Reuters after his speech to the council of the Socialist International, a world-wide grouping of social democratic and socialist parties.

Peres will join other Arab foreign ministers this week in an ad-hoc Mediterranean meeting in Budapest, according to a statement released by Peres last night.

Apart from Israel, Peres said the participants will include the foreign ministers of Algeria, Tunisia, Morocco, and Egypt, all of whom will all be in attendance as observers at the 35-nation Conference on Security and Cooperation in Europe (CSCE).

PLO Chairman Yasser Arafat waves his keffiyeh as he dances with Palestinians wounded during the intifada in Gaza City yesterday. (AP)

Peres: Pope plans trip to Israel before turn of century

BUDAPEST (Reuter) – Pope John Paul plans to visit Israel before the end of the century following this year's establishment of diplomatic relations with the Vatican, Foreign Minister Shimon Peres said on Friday.

Speaking after meeting the pope, he also raised the prospect of extending the dialogue between Christians and Jews to include the Islamic world to help combat fundamentalism.

Peres said he had discussed a papal visit to Israel when he met the pontiff in the Vatican City on Thursday.

"He told me that he would do it clearly before the end of this century but he hopes it will be ahead of that," Peres told a news conference after flying from Rome to Budapest to attend the bi-annual council meeting of the Socialist International.

"Whenever he will come I'm sure people of all religions will consider him a very welcome guest," he added.

Israel and the Holy See signed a landmark agreement last December that led this year to full diplomatic ties.

The pope, 74, said last month it would be "very significant" for him if in the year 2000 he could visit the places of the Old Testament. Such a trip would take him to Israel, Egypt, Iraq, Syria, Jordan and other countries.

Peres said the agreement between the Vatican and Israel had been put to the test, adding: "I think that both parties are rather satisfied with the way things are progressing."

Hassan, Husseini agree on Jordanian role at holy sites

AMMAN (AP) – Crown Prince Hassan yesterday met with Faisal Husseini after several months of estrangement over conflicting stands on the status of Jerusalem.

Jordan Radio said Hassan assured Husseini of "Jordan's unwavering support for the Palestinian people."

It said the prince also "reiterated Jordan's commitment to shouldering the responsibility of maintaining the Islamic holy shrines in Jerusalem."

Husseini "affirmed the necessity of continued Jordanian role in maintaining" the holy sites and "to keep the present situation unchanged," the radio added.

It was the highest-level Jordanian-Palestinian talks in several months. The two sides fell out after the Israeli-Jordanian agreement in July stressed Jordan's "special role" in administering Islamic shrines in Jerusalem.

More recently, Jordan said it would relinquish control of the holy sites to the Palestinians once they resolve the territorial dispute over Jerusalem with Israel.

PLO officials said Husseini's visit to Jordan, which began Thursday, could pave the way for Arafat to come to Amman, which he last visited in May.

PLO, Hamas form reconciliation committee

Jerusalem Post Staff and news agencies

PLO chief Yasser Arafat met with an Islamic opposition leader in Gaza Friday and formed a reconciliation committee to work out future differences and prevent violence.

The meeting between Arafat and Hamas leader Mahmoud Zahar ended two weeks of tense uncertainty in the Gaza Strip, sparked by a bloody confrontation between Palestinian Police and Islamic activists on November 18 that left 12 dead.

"Both sides agreed this morning that the most important thing is to try and overcome obstacles and conquer this crisis," said Arafat adviser Ahmed Tibi. "The Palestinians cannot achieve peace without being unified."

Arafat faced off against Hamas after Israel demanded that he crack down on militants responsible for attacks that left 32 Israelis dead in October and November alone.

Hamas and the more extremist Islamic Jihad oppose the peace accord, but Arafat can't afford to ignore the grass-roots support for the militant groups, especially among the poor, and is trying to woo them into participating in his self-rule government.

"The meeting was very frank, serious, warm and friendly, and could pave the way for a real reconciliation and a real dialogue between the PLO and Hamas," Tibi said.

Sheikh Abdullah Nimr Darwish, head of the Israeli Islamic Movement, who also served as a mediator, called the meeting "a gate of hope for the Palestinians."

Darwish said that Hamas no longer rejected an Arafat-appointed judiciary probe into the November 18 violence and had agreed to drop accusations blaming the Palestinian Authority for the clashes until investigators published their results.

"It was a warm and fruitful meeting between myself and my brother, and what we have agreed on is good for both sides," Zahar said. Tibi said the nine-member committee, that includes Hamas and PLO officials, as well as two Israeli Arabs, was scheduled to meet last night.

Armed Palestinian caught inside Green Line

DAVID RUDGE

A PALESTINIAN armed with a loaded pistol who crossed the Green Line illegally was caught in Umm el-Fahm early yesterday morning.

Another man who was with him managed to escape and is still being sought by police.

The suspect, who had been jailed in the past for two life terms for murdering collaborators in the territories, was released under the agreement with the PLO on condition he remain in Jericho.

He also had ID papers which had been stolen from an Israeli citizen two years ago.

Chief Superintendent Reuven Ariav, deputy commander of the Ha'amakim Police District, said it was unclear what the suspects had intended to do in Israel.

He noted that the man in custody, a resident of Silet al-Haratia in Samaria, was not cooperating with the police.

Police patrolling in Umm el-Fahm spotted two men walking in the rain and asked them to identify themselves.

One produced an ID card, but the other said he did not have one and started running away.

Police chased him for over 600 meters and despite the rain and darkness, managed to arrest him.

On the way back, they found a loaded pistol and an ID card which he had apparently thrown away while trying to flee.

The other suspect took advantage of the distraction to make good his escape.

NEWS IN BRIEFS

'Achille Lauro Israelis were armed guards'

Four Israelis picked up from the Achille Lauro and then transferred from the ship which rescued them because it was headed for an Arab League state were armed security officers, crew members said yesterday.

"They were members of an anti-terrorist detail which the Achille Lauro hired after it was hijacked by Palestinian guerrillas in 1985," a crew member told Reuters. *Reuters*

Police detain Orient House guards

Two Orient House guards were detained by police yesterday for carrying ID cards identifying them as guards at the building, which serves as the PLO headquarters in Jerusalem.

The Jerusalem police spokesman said police would confer with the District Attorney's Office this week to determine whether possession of the ID cards was a punishable offense. The cards were taken from the two guards, who were released after interrogation.

J'lem boy dies after gas fume inhalation

The seven-year-old boy seriously injured by gas fume inhalation at his home in Jerusalem last week died yesterday at Rambam Hospital in Haifa. The police spokesman said last night that an investigation was underway to determine whether negligence caused the deadly fumes to leak from the family's gas heater.

The boy, David Ashush, was fatally injured, and his two-year-old brother and their babysitter were moderately injured by the fumes last Tuesday night.

Begin asks A-G to probe Rabin

Likud MK Benny Begin has asked Attorney-General Michael Ben-Yair to investigate whether Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin was involved in Shimon Sheves's decision to approach then Police Commissioner Ya'acov Terner regarding the Aryeh Deri case. A spokesman from Rabin's office said last night that Rabin had no connection with the case and Begin was acting solely out of political considerations.

Cabinet to discuss ICL sale

JOSE ROSENFELD

THE cabinet privatization committee will discuss today the arrangements to transfer the management authority over Israel Chemicals (ICL) to the group of private investors who will purchase a controlling stake in the company.

The government will retain a "golden share" to protect national interests and the natural resources the company exploits.

Should the investors sell control of ICL in the future, the government will have to approve the transfer. At present, four groups, consisting of local and foreign investors, are bidding for a 24.9 percent controlling share in the firm.

Druse reject plan for more funds

DRUSE leaders Friday rejected a plan to provide additional government funding to help narrow the gap between allocations made to Jewish and Druse local councils.

Union of Local Authorities leaders said Finance Minister Avraham Shohat made the Druse local authority leaders a fair offer.

After a meeting Friday, Shohat accepted the ULA leaders' proposals to immediately establish a committee to examine the differences existing in allocations to Druse and Jewish settlements.

ULA leaders offered to provide interim funding of NIS 70 million-NIS 90m. to help get important development projects started.

However, Druse leaders called the plan "ridiculous. We need much more to show our people that our situation will improve," a Druse spokesman said. (Itim)

Panel to study privatization

JOSE ROSENFELD

THE proposal to privatize state companies by distributing shares to the public came a step closer to realization on Friday, when Finance Minister Avraham Shohat announced that he will appoint a committee to review that option.

The plan has been pushed by Securities Authority Chairman Arye Mintkevitch for several years, as a means to speed up the sale of government firms.

Under the proposal, every citizen would receive free vouchers for the purchase of state-owned companies and banks, which could be redeemed for shares at a substantially discounted price.

Shohat will appoint the committee this week and will task it to issue recommendations within a month.

The government's privatization plans suffered this year due to the stock market slump. As a result, there were almost no public issues, and instead the government focused exclusively on selling controlling stakes to private investors.

ARRIVALS

Dr. Daniel Thursz, president of the US National Council on the aging and honorary executive vice-president of Bnei Brith International to give key-note address at conference to celebrate 25th anniversary of *ESHEL*.

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ANNA GRACE VESTER LIND

Funeral service at 1:30 p.m. today at St. Georges Cathedral and afterwards at the American Colony Cemetery Mount Scopus.

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Crewmen applaud 'Achille Lauro' passengers

News agencies
DJIBOUTI

FILIPINO seamen applauded as survivors of the *Achille Lauro* arrived safely in this Red Sea port yesterday, ending the getaway cruise that turned into a holiday in hell.

Some passengers from the luckless Italian liner had to be helped down the gangplank of the Liberian-registered cargo ship Bardu which rescued them from shark-infested waters off Somalia.

The first couple off the ship were Barbara and Basil Swanson of Johannesburg, both in their seventies and looking drawn.

Filipino seamen from the Bardu in hard hats and with tattoos on their arms, clapped as the Swansons were escorted on to land.

Two Israeli couples from Haifa on the Bardu were transferred to another vessel at sea as they were unsure of their reception in Djibouti, an Arab League member with no diplomatic relations with their country.

Djibouti authorities had said the Israelis would be as welcome as anyone else because it was a humanitarian issue.

The charred hulk of the $30-million *Achille Lauro* sank on Friday about 250 km. off the barren Somali coast.

"The worst part was getting into the rafts," said Basil Swanson. He said the ship was listing so some lifeboats had to be perilously slipped over the ship's side into the water.

The first to land was South African Lee Foggitt, a 21-year-old crewman on the *Achille Lauro* and a Johannesburg resident.

Asked what his job was on the blue-hulled liner, the lanky, blonde youngster said: "I was a host and now a lifesaver."

Like the other crew members he said the *Achille Lauro* crew and the Bardu rescuers did their jobs perfectly during the evacuation and transfer of passengers to rescue ships on Thursday. "The passengers, they're as strong as ox," he said.

Hans and Marianne Hemmerich, an elderly German couple, said they survived by good luck.

"We had to rush out and did not have enough time to pick up our belongings. There was smoke. It was terrible," said Hans, who added however that there was no panic and the crew behaved perfectly.

Two US navy ships and at least two other cargo ships were expected to arrive in Djibouti today with about 300 survivors and officials said some would have to stay at the large French army garrison because of a shortage of hotel rooms.

US Army Major Peter Aubrey was full of praise for the cooperation of authorities in Djibouti, itself still smarting from the effects of floods last month which killed about 100 people and left thousands homeless.

In the Philippines, it was revealed yesterday that most of the 608 passengers aboard the *Cebu City* were sleeping when a freighter slammed into the ferry Friday in Manila Bay. The ferry sank a half hour later, a one-meter hole in the lower deck.

At least 34 people drowned. Divers discovered more bodies in the ship, lying under 30 meters of water, but could not get to them before the search for the more than 100 people still missing was called off for the night.

"Suddenly we heard a crash," Erwin Maravilla said. "I grabbed my two children, but when the ferry sank we were sucked under the water with it. A piece of metal hit my arm, and I lost hold of my two kids."

His wife also was among the missing.

Ships in the area plucked 451 people from the sea, many coated with the diesel oil disgorged as the ferry sank. The freighter, the Singapore-registered *Kota Suria*, joined in the rescue effort, its bow badly bent.

Survivors complained the crew did little to save people. The radio room may have been severely damaged because the distress signals came from other ships.

The collision occurred before dawn near the town of Rosario, about 55 km. southwest of Manila.

The captain and his mates were in the bridge, the control section of the ferry, said one crewman, Jacob Cabatuan. They were among the missing.

The cause of the accident, which occurred in calm seas under clear night skies, is under investigation. The company that owns the ferry said it was rammed.

Serbs fail on pledge to free hostages

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SARAJEVO

HUNDREDS of UN peacekeepers remained hostages of Bosnian Serbs yesterday as "human shields" against possible NATO air strikes, despite a Serb promise they would be released immediately.

There was also no word that a Serb blockade on UN aid convoys to besieged Moslem enclaves in eastern Bosnia had been lifted following a similar promise by Bosnian Serb leaders during talks with UN envoy Yasushi Akashi.

The latest twist in the struggle between the Serbs and the peacekeepers came as United Nations Secretary General Boutros Boutros-Ghali revealed that contingency planning with NATO for a possible pull-out of UN forces from Bosnia was well under way.

Akashi said after talks with Bosnian Serb leader Radovan Karadzic that the Serbs had agreed to release the peacekeepers detained as human shields after NATO air strikes two weeks ago, and allow the convoys to roll.

However as darkness fell on Bosnia there was no sign of movement apart from an unconfirmed report that a UN convoy to resupply Bangladeshi troops in the north-west Bihac enclave was on the road.

Akashi told journalists as he was leaving Sarajevo yesterday that "it usually takes 12 hours or 24 hours for these promises to take effect on the ground".

He left after fruitless efforts to try to persuade the Serbs to accept a Bosnia-wide cease-fire. The Moslem-led Bosnian government agreed to a limited three-month truce.

Akashi's spokesman Thant Myint-U said there was a "strong possibility" of another round of talks with both sides, possibly as early as today.

Boutros-Ghali said in Geneva he had been told by Russia, Britain, France, Spain and Canada that they would withdraw their UN troops if the Security Council voted to lift an international arms embargo in favor of the Bosnian government.

He said it had been agreed at a meeting in Geneva last June with his military commanders in the region to prepare for such an eventuality. "I can tell you that the project is quite advanced and has been agreed with NATO," he added.

The United States has in the past urged lifting the embargo to enable Bosnian government forces to acquire arms, arguing that the Serbs have an advantage because they inherited heavy weapons from the former federal Yugoslav army.

But a formal end to the embargo would need the support of the United States' allies, who fear it would put their troops in serious danger. Russia has indicated it would veto any such move by the Security Council.

Russia used its veto on Friday to block a draft UN resolution aimed at stopping fuel getting to rebel Serbs, putting international peace efforts under renewed strain.

The veto, rarely used since the end of the Cold War, came in a vote late on Friday on the draft Security Council resolution that would have stopped fuel from Serbia crossing Serb-held areas of Croatia and Bosnia without the permission of their governments.

Diplomats at UN headquarters in New York said Russia, by taking a stand on a relatively minor matter, appeared to be trying to demonstrate its independence and traditional friendship for the Serbs without jeopardizing relations with other members of a five-nation "contact group" trying to end the war.

The group now appears to be trying to persuade the Serbs to accept 49 percent of Bosnia – they currently hold 70 percent – by offering them the prospect of a confederation with Serbia proper.

Foreign ministers of the contact group ended a meeting in Brussels by reaffirming the need for a negotiated settlement, but hinted at the possibility of a link to Serbia similar to that of Bosnia's Croat-Moslem alliance with Croatia.

(Reuter)

A Bosnian rebel Moslem soldier looks toward government positions in Velika Kladusa, 40 km. north of Bihac, on Friday. (AP)

Major warns party could lose vote

LONDON (Reuter) – Prime Minister John Major has warned his feuding Conservative Party to unite or face defeat at the next general election.

His rebuke came just three days after a damaging split in the party over Europe and ahead of a parliamentary vote next week which could open new fissures over taxing domestic fuel.

Major told the annual Conservative Women's Conference in west London that the next election, due by mid-1997, would be fought against the background of strong economic recovery.

But he said this would not guarantee the Conservatives would continue a marathon term in office which began in 1979.

Departing from his prepared text, Major told the conference: "No one should be so blithe as to assume the economy alone will win the next general election."

He said what was required was "the Conservative Party fighting the same fight, at the same time, for the same cause and against the same enemy," adding: "Then we shall win."

Earlier this week, eight legislators were expelled from the parliamentary party for refusing to back the government over a bill to boost Britain's contributions to the European Union.

A ninth resigned in protest at the strong-arm tactics used by the government to push the bill through.

On Tuesday the opposition Labor Party will seek to reopen its attack on plans to more than double value-added tax (VAT) on domestic fuel – plans which many Conservatives are uneasy about because of the effect on pensioners and the poor.

Bhopal survivors mark anniversary

BHOPAL, India (AP) – Thousands of gaunt men and women – the survivors of the world's worst industrial disaster – marched on the streets of Bhopal yesterday to mark the 10th anniversary of the calamity that killed, by official count, 7,000 people.

The central Indian city, where deadly methyl isocyanate gas leaked from a factory owned by the Indian subsidiary of the US-based Union Carbide, observed a partial strike yesterday in memory of those killed in the Dec. 2-3, 1984 disaster.

Survivors and orphaned children gathered in front of the closed factory to burn straw-and-bamboo effigies of Warren Anderson, the then chief of the Danbury, Conn.-based corporation.

Children beat the burning effigies with sticks as elders, many of them with tears in their eyes, shouted "death to Anderson."

As more protesters gathered to burn effigies, some 3 meter-high, local leaders made speeches demanding that Anderson be brought to India and tried for mass murder.

Others spoke of the plight of the half-a-million survivors who are yet to get full compensation.

At other places in the city, prayer meetings were held for the dead.

"I know all this may produce nothing, but I decided to come," said Kamal Pancham, who lost his daughter and father in the disaster.

"Even after 10 years we look like beggars asking for alms," Rehena Begum, a voluntary worker, told a group of 500 women survivors.

India's slow-moving courts are overwhelmed with claims. Bureaucratic corruption and red tape add to the woes of survivors.

Every passing day brings to hospitals fresh cases of lung diseases, cancer, cataracts, gynecological disorders, and psychiatric disorders arising out of gas poisoning.

In 1989, Union Carbide paid $470 million – one-twelfth of India's original claim – in an out-of-court settlement that guaranteed immunity from prosecution for Carbide executives. The government has paid out only $20 million so far and the balance has grown to $516 million.

Two years after the agreement, India's Supreme Court struck down the immunity clause, while allowing the financial settlement to stand. But the money has been locked in banks while bureaucrats and judges sort out the claims.

Eight officials of Union Carbide's Indian subsidiary were charged with manslaughter for alleged negligence, but none has been brought to trial.

Studies have found that the gassing victims have three times more respiratory problems than the national average, get cataracts 15 years earlier and have more gynecological complications. Nearly all the victims have low immunity, and growth of affected children is slower than normal.

Another trial requested for Berlusconi's brother

MILAN (Reuter) – Italian prosecutors yesterday sought to try the brother of Prime Minister Silvio Berlusconi for alleged corruption, as a row blazed between the Milan anti-graft magistrates and the government.

Judicial sources said Paolo Berlusconi, the prime minister's business associate and younger brother, was among 120 people they wanted to try for alleged corruption for building work on the outskirts of Milan.

A senior judge will now have to rule if there is enough evidence to try the defendants and set a date for a hearing.

If permission is granted, it would be another embarrassment for Silvio Berlusconi, who was formally warned 10 days ago that he as well was under investigation for alleged corruption.

Both Berlusconi brothers have denied any wrongdoing.

The prime minister is under investigation with his brother in one case over alleged bribes paid to tax police in return for favorable audits.

In the latest affair, magistrates accuse Paolo, as head of the family's Edilnord building group, of being responsible for bribes paid to local politicans to obtain planning permission for land on the outskirts of Milan.

Building magnate Salvatore Ligresti, one of the first big names to be remanded in custody as part of Italy's huge graft scandal, could also be in the dock if the request is granted.

Giampiero Cantoni, former chairman of Banca Nazionale del Lavoro, who stepped down earlier this year following accusations of his involvement, was also among the 120.

The prosecutors' request alleges that Paolo Berlusconi was involved in the graft from 1985 until just before his brother's victory at general elections after a lightning campaign.

The application was lodged by three lesser-known Milan investigating magistrates who are not part of the elite pool of "Clean Hands" anti-corruption prosecutors whose probes unleashed a scandal that swept Italy's political old guard from power.

Heidi Fleiss convicted of supplying call girls to undercover police

LOS ANGELES (AP) – Heidi Fleiss, who once boasted that her prostitution ring catered to the "top one percent" of Hollywood's elite, has been convicted of providing high-price call girls to undercover police officers.

After four days of deliberations, a jury found the 28-year-old pediatrician's daughter guilty on three of five pandering charges.

The seven-man, five-woman jury deadlocked on the two other counts, and acquitted her of supplying cocaine to an undercover police officer.

Fleiss was visibly unhappy with the outcome. She slammed her hands on the defense table and laid down her head as the guilty verdicts were read. Her father, seated behind her in the front row of the courtroom, hung his head.

Fleiss faces a minimum of three years, and up to eight years and eight months in prison. A sentencing hearing was set for Jan. 20.

Fleiss and her father, Paul, await a second trial in January on federal charges they laundered profits from the call-girl ring.

Prosecutor Alan Carter said he was pleased with the verdict. The district attorney's office hadn't immediately decided whether to retry Fleiss on the two deadlocked counts. Fleiss posted the $75,000 bail set by Superior Court Judge Judith L. Champagne.

Much of the six-day trial focused on police conduct, with Fleiss' attorneys insisting she was entrapped.

Juror Nancy Reyes, 24, said Fleiss was acquitted on the cocaine charge and two of the pandering counts because the jury felt the police acted unethically.

"I personally feel the police went beyond reasonable conduct," she said. "They're supposed to follow restrained steps."

Fleiss's so-called "black book" of clients was never made public; the judge ruled the names of her customers were irrelevant.

Fleiss was captured on video and audio tapes during a Beverly Hills sting last year and charged with offering undercover police officers four women for prostitution.

Two of the women testified under immunity that they were to give Fleiss 40 percent of their $1,500 fees. One woman also testified she charged up to $10,000 for a night of sex.

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Bomb kills one at Kurdish daily's office

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ISTANBUL

EXPLOSIONS yesterday morning ripped through three offices of Turkey's leading pro-Kurdish daily, killing one person and wounding at least 22.

The biggest blast occurred at *Ozgur Ulke's* main offices in Istanbul's Kumkapi district, completely gutting the four-story building and leaving it a smoldering mess of twisted metal and collapsed concrete. All the casualties occurred there.

Two other explosions destroyed the paper's smaller Ankara office and damaged a separate Istanbul bureau.

Police said two of the wounded were firemen who struggled for hours at the paper's editorial offices to put out the fires from the explosion, which sent bricks and metal flying across the street and blew out windows in nearby buildings.

Police at the daily's central offices, surrounded by the wrecks of burned out cars, said they did not have any leads.

But *Ozgur Ulke* journalists blamed the government, saying it was out to silence them because of their coverage of the Kurdistan Workers Party (PKK) insurgency in the southeast. More than 13,000 people have died in 10 years of fighting.

PKK leader Abdullah Ocalan writes a regular column for the paper.

"We have no doubt it was the state that did this because they have accused us of being separatists who want to destroy Turkey and this is a natural outcome of their attempts to silence us," said Baki Karadeniz, *Ozgur Ulke's* editor.

"We're not even amazed that this occured," he said.

But Karadeniz promised today's edition would appear on schedule. "The only thing that stops us is death."

The explosions occured amid an already heated atmosphere.

On December 8 Ankara Security Court is set to announce a verdict in the trial of eight Kurdish members of parliament, facing possible death sentences on treason charges for alleged ties to the PKK.

None has been charged with an act of violence.

In eastern Tunceli province, a three-month sweep by security forces has stripped PKK rebels of food and shelter.

Turkish commanders say hundreds of guerrillas have been killed.

Local villagers, largely Kurds, have complained the army's tactics include the torching of their remote settlements. Thousands are now living in temporary shelters as the region's fierce winter sets in.

The apparently coordinated blasts – all took place at approximately 3:30 am – marked only the latest hardship for Turkey's pro-Kurdish press.

Ozgur Ulke's correspondents complain widely of police harassment, and some have been detained for questioning. Nine journalists from *Ozgur Gundem*, an earlier publication, have died in unexplained circumstances.

Turkish law makes it a crime to write or say anything aimed at "damaging the indivisible unity of the state" and the ban has been used against journalists, writers and intellectuals, both Turkish and Kurdish.

Anyone speaking out in favor of an independent Kurdish state or some sort of federation can be charged with separatist activity.

(Reuter)

Emergency medical workers treat people injured in a stampede at a nightclub in Elizabeth, NJ early yesterday morning. (AP)

4 die in New Jersey nightclub stampede

ELIZABETH, N.J. (AP) – Hundreds of young partiers fleeing a bottle-and chair-throwing brawl trampled each other in a stairwell yesterday, crushing three men and a 13-year-old girl to death and injuring 13 people.

"People are screaming, everybody's trying to get out through everybody and on top of everybody," said Franz Vargas, manager of the company that rented the club for a private party.

Police and firemen found people "piled four and five on top of each other" in the front stairway, police Lt. Mark Kurdyla said. "Two hundred or 300 are trying to get out at the same time – that's not going to happen."

Police had to pull people out of the stairway to get to the injured. At least 13 people were taken to hospitals.

The dead included an 18-year-old man, two men in their early 20s, and a 13-year-old girl.

Most of the party-goers were in their late teens or early 20s. Vargas had rented the club for the party, and 200 invitations were distributed, mainly to students at Elizabeth High School.

The bar was operated by the club, and it was the club's responsibility to proof customers buying liquor, Vargas said.

Vargas, manager of Bouncing Babies Productions, said the stampede began after a dance-floor scuffle, when guards escorted several people down the stairs and outside and a crowd followed.

"Things got out of hand outside," Vargas said. "As it got worse outside, we started pushing the crowd back inside the hall."

Inside, people on a third-floor interior balcony were throwing bottles and chairs onto the dance floor below, those inside were trying to escape the barrage, and Vargas' 10 guards and 10 other staffers weren't able to control the crowd, he said.

No more than 300 people were admitted to the party, Vargas said. Police were checking to see if the crowd exceeded the club's occupancy limit.

□ In Philadelphia, a taxi plunged through the glass wall of a crowded nightclub in the early hours yesterday injuring at least 39 people.

The cab exploded through the front of the private after-hours club, pinning some patrons to the ground when it came to a stop, police said.

"There was a loud boom, and then the cab was in the room," one woman said. "There was glass everywhere. It knocked down everything in its path."

When the cab came to rest on the dance floor, patrons tipped it over to free people trapped beneath it. Two passengers were taken from the taxi.

Injuries ranged from severe to minor, police said. The accident is under investigation.

France jails 'honor' killer for life

COLMAR, France (Reuter) – A French court yesterday jailed for life a Turkish youth convicted of strangling his 15-year-old sister whom he wrongly suspected of losing her virginity to a French boy.

The parents and a cousin of the victim, Nasmiye Ilikpinar, were given 20 years each as accomplices in the 1993 murder.

During the week-long trial, Abdullah Ilikpinar, 22, acknowledged strangling his sister with just his left hand while her cousin Lufti held her down and her parents, Mustafa and Elife, looked on.

The trial, highlighting the difficulties immigrants face in adapting to French society, captured wide public attention.

Members of the Turkish community protested the sentences were too heavy and ethnic traditions had not been taken into account.

The state prosecutor had requested life sentences for all four accused, and defense lawyers said the sentences could have been harsher at a time when French authorities are worried about the spread of fundamentalism.

Abdullah first testified the killing had been an accident but later said he killed his sister on his mother's orders after the girl flirted with a French boy.

"This cannot go on any longer. She must be killed," Abdullah quoted his mother as saying.

"I obeyed my parents, I always obey my parents," Abdullah told the court.

He said the teenager's parents and brother had conferred for a quarter of an hour before driving her in a van to a clearing in the nearby Vosges mountains.

"Abdullah got his sister only made her fall to the ground, held her arms and then he strangled her," Lufti said.

"Nasmiye was shouting, she asked why we were doing this to her," he said, adding that he heard her mother crying. The body was dumped in a ditch.

Her father Mustafa said she had dishonored the family.

A post-mortem showed she was a virgin.

Britons pay shotgun pensioner's bill

LONDON 2 (Reuter) – Outraged Britons jammed the switchboard of a local town hall yesterday as they offered to pay damages awarded against a pensioner who blasted a would-be burglar with a shotgun.

On Thursday a court ordered 82-year-old Ted Newbery to pay Mark Revill £4,033 in damages for the wounds he received in 1988. Newbery had opened fire as Revill tried to break into the shed on the pensioner's allotment garden.

Revill, who was hit by 50 pellets, was also ordered to pay Newbery £400 for shock and distress.

The mayor of Erewash borough council in central England, where Newbery lives, immediately launched an appeal to raise the money.

A council official said yesterday the response had been tremendous. "I don't think there'll be any problem paying off the bill," she said. Crime is the number one concern among many Britons worried by an apparent breakdown in law and order.

Britain's popular *Sun* newspaper attacked the damages award on its front page under the headline "Shameful".

"Whatever the learned judge may think – and whatever his dusty law books may tell him – this is a travesty of justice," the *Sun* said.

In the six years since the shooting incident, Newbery has spent each night in the allotment shed, guarding his vegetables.

"I am more than overwhelmed. Words cannot express it. I didn't think people would go to such trouble," he said when hearing of the response to the mayor's appeal.

Marines clash with crew of Iraqi ship

DUBAI (Reuter) – Helicopter-borne US Marines boarded an Iraqi ship in the Gulf using what a US spokesman termed "minimum force necessary" but provoking angry charges of brutality from Baghdad.

The incident occurred Friday when two Iraqi vessels were spotted in the northern Gulf, where the United States is in charge of inspecting ships suspected of transporting Iraqi oil in violation of UN sanctions.

According to a US Navy spokesman the boarding occurred after the Iraqi crew refused to cooperate with a board-and-search operation authorized by the United Nations under sanctions imposed as a result of Iraq's 1990 invasion of Kuwait.

"They failed to respond to bridge-to-bridge radio calls... So we sent a helicopter to investigate and again they failed to respond."

When a helicopter team boarded the ship one of the 16-man crew "attacked by hand the first member of our team to board the tanker," said the US spokesman, stressing that the incident occurred in international waters.

He said the US soldier hit the crew member with his rifle butt in the chest and placed flexible cuffs on him.

"No shots were fired...Minimum force necessary was used," said the spokesman, adding that the crewman was not injured and was later seen by a US medical team.

A total of 10 US soldiers boarded the vessel and placed cuffs on three other uncooperative crew members "to keep them in line", he added.

According to the Iraqi version, the Marines, guns blazing, boarded two Iraqi vessels and beat up crew members while interrogating them on the nature of their cargo and the number of crewmen on board.

"This unjustified military aggression is a violation of the rules and conventions of international law and the UN charter and of the (1991 Gulf War) cease-fire and confirms America's insistence on seizing any opportunity to attack Iraq and violate the sanctity of its waters, soil and air space," an official spokesman said in a communique.

Clinton wins first test with Republicans, future not as bright

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WASHINGTON

PRESIDENT Clinton has passed his first test in dealing with the newly empowered Republican leaders of Congress, winning passage of the GATT trade pact, but the outcome offers few signs of future harmony.

"Let's make the GATT vote, the first vote of a new era of cooperation," Clinton declared as Republican and Democratic leaders joined him for an outdoor ceremony at the White House on Thursday night, shortly after the vote.

"I urge everyone here to continue to work to keep our country optimistic and hopeful and outward-looking, brave as we march into the future," said Clinton.

Clinton met meet privately at the White House with Senate Republican leader Bob Dole and Newt Gingrich, who becomes speaker of the House of Representatives next month.

Although both men helped when it came to the GATT accord, they remain on a collision course with Clinton when it comes to a host of other issues – from domestic policies to foreign affairs.

The Senate overwhelmingly approved the world trade pact by a vote of 76 to 24, providing final congressional approval to legislation that had generated stiff opposition. The House of Representatives approved the pact on Tuesday by a similar wide margin, 288 to 146.

The overwhelming approval of the accord – which eliminates trade barriers around the world – came after intense lobbying by Clinton, who warned that failure to approve the accord negotiated under the General Agreement on Tariffs and Trade would cripple the world economy and harm US leadership abroad.

Although the Senate vote officially was the final act of the Democratically-controlled 103rd Congress, the GATT legislation gave Republicans their first chance to flex muscles that have languished for 40 years.

Dole joined Clinton for the *White House ceremony – his presence* serving as a public reminder that final approval probably would not have come without the Kansas lawmaker's consent.

Dole, who harbors presidential aspirations of his own, raised questions about the accord and only after the White House made private agreements to meet his concerns did many Senate Republicans back the pact.

"Mr. President, I think it goes without saying that this is bipartisanship," Dole said of the congressional action. "... It was all about trade, all about the future, all about America, and all about our place in the world."

For Clinton, the political benefits of approving GATT rest more in what did not happen than in what did. A defeat, following the sweeping Republican wins in last month's elections, would have doomed his credibility.

The political benefits of the vote are limited for Clinton. The GATT accord, *while generating* immense interest around the world, is far more important to America's leaders than it is to its everyday citizens.

A CNN/USA Today/Gallup poll taken before the Senate vote found that 63 percent of Americans did not know enough about the agreement to have an opinion on it. Only 23 percent favored the pact, while 14 percent opposed it.

The victory that White House officials were celebrating, therefore, carries limited benefits for Clinton – who was elected by less than a majority of the votes cast in a three-way race.

He now faces the challenge of trying to show he can be an effective president even though Republicans control Congress. Clinton won the battle over GATT, but the political wars are far from over.

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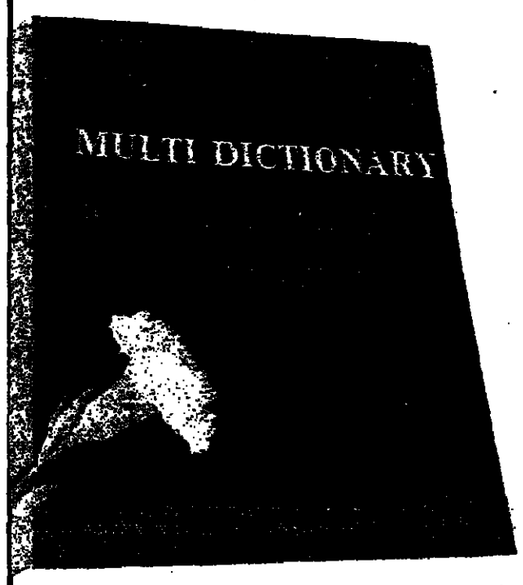

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Play it again – and make me a copy

JUDY SIEGEL-ITZKOVICH

To demonstrate sound production, a rubber bladder in a glass cylinder bounces balls of varying sizes. (Scoop 80)

TWO dozen Vietnamese stick insects are part of a new exhibition at Jerusalem's Bloomfield Science Museum.

So are reproductions of Andy Warhol's Campbell's soup cans and Marilyn Monroe, and a tower of Hasharon district phone books piled like a DNA molecule from floor to ceiling.

What can these and dozens of other items have in common? They are copies.

Called "Play it Again: Copying in Science and Art," the exhibition was completely designed and built by the museum staff with some outside help and will be on view for a year.

The stick insects – slow-moving creatures that look as if they were constructed from toothpicks – reproduce without the assistance of any males. They accomplish this amazing feat by cloning themselves in a kind of virgin birth.

Museum director Prof. Peter Hillman explains that the odd insects apparently had difficulty finding mates in the jungle, so they evolved a way of cloning themselves without males.

Warhol's works were popular because they used familiar objects and famous faces, repeating them and altering each copy.

The phone books, piled to look like a double helix, contain the same amount of "information" found in a single DNA molecule, says Hillman. These are copied whenever a new being is conceived, or when cells divide.

The museum director says it took nine months to plan and set up the new exhibition, which cost $200,000. This relatively low cost for an entirely new display was possible because almost all of the work was done by staff in the museum's workshops, he says.

Hanan De Lange of the Bezalel Academy of Art and Design's industrial design department was brought in for overall design, and Diana Churges of Tel Aviv was the graphic designer.

THE SUBJECT matter, understandable to children from age six, is divided among four variations on the theme "copies." The first is the biological mechanism of copying: the unusual Vietnamese bugs, as well as ears of Indian corn and dried sunflowers, with their multiple seeds to ensure optimal survival.

Then, there is a hornet's nest (the most housing from the least material") and a real fly's eye (visible through a microscope, showing the insect's multiple lenses that allow it to look in many directions simultaneously).

Rock crystals that multiply under the right conditions and fossils – copies of dead plant or animal matter – round out the biological section.

Next, there is industrial production, which allowed modern societies to make many copies of an endless variety of consumer products. A robot that cuts metal was lent by ORT, and a machine that wraps candies was provided by Elite.

INFORMATION, especially in our age, can be copied an infinite number of times by computer.

Visitors to the exhibition are invited to interact with PCs. One produces fractals – patterns that look the same through a microscope or through a teleseope. The computer program shows how these beautiful patterns – whose widespread appearance in nature was discovered only in the Sixties by Benoit Mandelbrot – are created.

Another terminal allows visitors to create repeated patterns, such as those seen in tiles in old Arab houses – from a bank of possible designs, while a third lets them play the "Game of Life," a computer game in which rules for the creation and destruction of an individual are reduced to four basic laws.

But reproducible information existed long before the computer. The exhibition includes a number of museum pieces – an early gramophone, dating back to 1905, which "copies" sounds on a rotating wax cylinder; an 1882 caligraph machine, which predated the typewriter; and an old stencil machine.

Visitors press a button to speak into a reel-to-reel tape recorder; in a moment, they hear a copy of their own voice, but speeded up or slowed down at will. A four-sided plexiglass column gives analogue (clocklike) or digital (numerical) displays when visitors blow into a hole to show humidity, take their finger temperature, measure the volume of their voices or the brightness of the light.

Make a crude copy of your hand by putting it on a sensor panel made up of photoelectric cells. The resulting image appears in pixel-like red boxes on the opposite wall. This simple device illustrates how a TV or newspaper picture is produced.

There is also a dual-drum device connected by a rope that, in a primitive way, explains how a fax works. A real fax connects visitors to artists, photographers and architects around the country who have agreed to receive drawings and messages at certain times; these professionals then send back comments.

Esthetics is the fourth copying category; aside from the Warhol designs are large pieces of colored wood in geometrical shapes that children can use to design patterns. One can also learn how a kaleidoscope works using a perfect triangle lined with mirrors on a multicolored base.

Plato, says Hillman, discovered over 2,000 years ago that there exist only five closed solid shapes with all faces equal; the tetrahedron, cube, octahedron, dodecahedron and icosahedron are all made up of equal triangles, squares or pentagons.

All in all, the 24 exhibits are worth a special visit to the science museum, located at Givat Ram between the Hebrew University campus and the Israel Museum. There is no extra charge for admission beyond the normal museum fee.

Building materials that don't pollute

NEW WORLDS

POST SCIENCE REPORTER

POLYESTER resins with low evaporation rates have been developed by the Machteshim Co., which claims they are nonpolluting.

These raw materials are used largely in the plastics and construction industries.

Polyesters and similar synthetic materials typically release poisonous gases into the atmosphere during the manufacturing process or when burned or heated.

Machteshim managing-director Shlomo Yonas says he expects his company's nonpolluting polyester resins will gradually replace almost all the imported polluting resins used around the country.

Polyesters are increasingly part of lightweight, strong and easy-to-maintain building materials. They are the raw materials for synthetic marble, bathroom furnishings and flooring.

COMPUTERIZED UNDERSEA VOYAGE

Children will feel they're living underwater when they use the "Undersea Multimedia Encyclopedia" that has just been put on the market in Hebrew by Mirage-Multimedia.

The diskette version needs a hard disk and sound card, while the CD-ROM version requires a CD-ROM drive and sound card. Both need a 386/486 personal computer and a VGA 256-color screen.

Recommended for children aged six and up, the software allows them to see various video films, accompanied by music and spoken Hebrew explanations of the flora and fauna. The user may also get down to the microscopic level, seeing cells and tissues as they would look under a microscope.

The program poses hundreds of questions and provides answers about sea creatures, hurricanes, earthquakes and other natural phenomena while taking the user on an animated voyage through nature.

Bug Muiltisystem is distributing the software and charging NIS 129 for either version.

The computerized encyclopedia was edited in its original English version by oceanographer Jacques Cousteau and published in volume form by Random House.

VIRTUAL TELEPHONE FOR TRANSIENTS

People who don't have a permanent address but still want to get phone messages may soon open a voice-mail line – a new service that Bezek is considering introducing on an experimental basis in a few months.

Called "a telephone without a line" and known abroad as a "virtual telephone," the service is meant for students, soldiers, people in the process of moving and those who have no place to install a permanent phone line.

Bezek is now investigating the technological and economic aspects of the service, and the possibility of offering a similar service for transmission of fax messages. Prices have not been determined.

The public telecommunications company expects that people who place classified ads for apartments, goods or services will want the virtual telephone so as not to be bothered at home.

Customers will be able to order a telephone-without-a-line and receive a special number. Calls made from any place here or abroad will be directed automatically to the "voice mailbox" in Bezek's digital exchanges, and the customer may hear the messages any time by dialing a code number.

ARAB DATA-PROCESSING EXPERTS TO JERUSALEM

Computer experts from Qatar, Jordan, Oman and other Arab countries will take part for the first time in the annual convention of the Israel Data Processing Association in January. The meeting will take place in Jerusalem's International Convention Center. More than 5,000 experts from Israel and abroad are expected to attend, including Nobel Prize winners and presidents of large companies.

The theme will be "communications without boundaries." Palestinians from the autonomous regions are also expected to participate.

Early-warning test for albinism

HEALTH SCAN

POST HEALTH REPORTER

THE genetic mutations that produce albinos can now be detected in the 10th week of pregnancy instead of the 22nd week, when doctors take a biopsy from the scalp of the fetus and risk the miscarriage of a healthy fetus.

The technique was used in recent weeks by doctors in Haifa's Bnai Zion Hospital. Hospital officials claim it was the first time it has been used anywhere in the world.

Dr. Tzippy Falik, a physician who specializes in medical genetics, diagnosed the mutation in the fetus of a Christian Arab couple – first cousins – from the north who already had a three-year-old albino son.

In the hospital's molecular-genetics lab, Falik detected the family's unique mutation for albinism from a blood test of both parents. (All the mutations found so far in albinism have been one of a kind.)

A chorionic villi sample – CVS, in which tissue from the chorion sheath covering the fetus is taken – showed that the fetus was an albino. The parents decided against abortion.

Another case involved a man from a Moroccan-Jewish family with a long history of albinism. Although he was found to carry the defective gene, this mutation was not found in the fetus.

His wife delivered a healthy baby girl. Had scalp samples been removed from the fetus in the 22nd week, there would have been a five-percent risk of miscarriage.

Albinism, which occurs in one in 10,000 fetuses, causes hair and skin to be white and pupils to be a pinkish color. It often results in blindness and other vision problems, and albinos are highly susceptible to skin cancer because they lack protective melanin pigment. The lack of synthesis of pigment in an albino is the result of malfunctioning of a certain enzyme.

Falik says there are many different mutations that can cause albinism. In each case, the exact one has to be identified in the parents; the CVS can be used early to determine whether it has been passed on to the fetus.

The Bnai Zion team carried out the technique in cooperation with the University of Wisconsin's molecular-genetics lab, headed by Prof. Richard Spritz.

Is it live or is it Memorex? The taped voice is different from its live counterpart. (Gaillard/Jerrican)

Same voice, different sounds

TELL ME WHY

JUDY SIEGEL-ITZKOVICH

WHY does my voice sound so different when I listen to it on a tape recording? David, Tel Aviv.

Dr. David Cohen, head of the ear-nose-and-throat department at Jerusalem's Shaare Zedek Hospital, explains:

When you hear your voice on tape, it reaches your ears by air. When you talk, your voice reaches your ears through the air and even louder through the bones of the skull directly to the hearing cells in the inner ears. The taped voice lacks the modification and amplification of the middle ears and has a different "color" or timbre, produced by the resonators of the throat and nasal passages.

In my high-school science classes, we were always told that eye color is determined by the interaction of the dominant brown gene (B) and the recessive blue gene (b). Thus, BB or Bb produces brown eyes, while bb produces blue eyes.

Obviously this doesn't account for a host of other eye colors, such as gray, green or hazel. How do these come about? None of my teachers was ever able to give me an answer. Evelyn, Jerusalem.

Prof. Gideon Bach, human-genetics department, Hadassah-University, explains:

Eye colors other than blue and brown are the result of multiple genes, each of which can be dominant or recessive. The genes passed on by parents interact to produce these less-common pigmentations. We don't know how many such genes affect eye color, but we are aware of some of them.

Genes connected with blue or brown eyes are usually linked to a specific hair color as well, but those that produce green eyes are not. The genes responsible for giving people green, hazel or gray eyes also generally give the same person a lighter facial complexion than people with brown eyes.

The sun's heat is generated as the result of an atomic, chain-reaction, fusion process, in which hydrogen fuses to create helium. Scientists have been trying to make possible self-sustaining atomic fusion for the generation of cheap, nonpolluting power. The sun has millions of tons of matter that is annihilated, causing it to be a raging inferno. If chain-reaction fusion is accomplished on earth, could the reaction feed on its surroundings and burn up the whole earth? Gerry, Beit Zayit.

Prof. Gerald Horwitz of the Hebrew University's physics department comments:

When hydrogen combines to make helium, this is a transformation of matter, but not annihilation. In principle, there is some slight concern that the conversion of hydrogen in a fusion reactor on earth might have the effect you mention, but the prospects are rather remote.

To produce such a reaction in the first place, you need very high temperatures. Keeping matter together at such temperatures is a problem, and the surroundings will be cooler than the actual confined area in which fusion takes place. While the entire sun burns at such high temperatures that the whole core is affected, in a fusion reaction on earth, the surroundings comprise a very small area.

It seems to me that eggs take less time to boil in Jerusalem than in London. Is this just a product of my imagination? Sybil, Jerusalem.

Dr. Alexander Manes, deputy director of the Meteorological Services in charge of research and development, comments:

You are not imagining it. Jerusalem is more than 800 meters above sea level, while London is much lower. At higher altitudes, the surrounding air pressure is lower, so air bubbles form faster, as there is less resistance from the surrounding air. This makes the water seem to boil faster, but you still have to cook the egg the same amount of time as in London, or your egg in Jerusalem will come out half boiled.

Have you ever wondered about the scientific explanation for ordinary phenomena? Now you can get an answer. Mail your question to TELL ME WHY, c/o Jerusalem Post Science & Technology Reporter Judy Siegel-Itzkovich, The Jerusalem Post, POB 81, 91000 Jerusalem, or fax it to (02) 389527. Please include your name or initials and place of residence. Calls will not be accepted.

Two games that offer varying degrees of simulated stimulation

ON LINE

DANIEL BAUM

SIMULATION games are as old as computing. Anything which is regulated by a known formula can be simulated by a computer, whether it is the flight of an airplane or the fluctuations of a stock-market portfolio.

Two simulation games have come my way, both enhanced by the graphics and sound available to CD-ROM games. However, in every other respect, they are at opposite ends of the spectrum.

Theme Park, produced by Bullfrog under the Electronic Arts label, and distributed in Israel by Mirage, is, as the name suggests, a theme-park simulation.

You play an entrepreneur who starts out by setting up one such park in England. The idea is to become a multinational company, with stocks sold on the exchange, à la Disney.

The game has three levels of difficulty, as well as settings for the aggressiveness of your competitors.

A stunning introduction to the game shows a family being drawn into a theme park by a representative of National Westminster Bank, believe it or not. This gives the game's sponsor a chance to appear in the game, and gives away the game's English pedigree.

Once the game gets under way, you start off with an empty field, on which you can position rides, fast-food restaurants, toilets and other theme-park essentials. As you become richer, you are offered more sophisticated attractions such as a Big Dipper, a planetarium and a haunted house, and more upmarket attractions such as a steak restaurant and a casino.

You must also employ staff, and make sure they are happy; every now and again they go on strike, and you have to enter wage negotiations. (Here you can also tell the game is not from the US: American companies don't care if their employees are happy!) You are constantly at the mercy of your customers, who have no qualms about telling you what they think about your entertainment extravaganza. At any time you can ask for a survey, in which you may discover, for instance, that everyone is hungry, or that the entrance fee is too high, and you have to react or face financial ruin.

In the more advanced form of the game, you can use your R&D department to improve rides, or train employees, thereby giving you the edge. You can also go public, selling shares on the stock market and giving yourself plenty more headaches to worry about.

Eventually you reach a stage where you can open another park in another country, and so on.

The game is beautifully presented, and is certainly not a straight business simulation. Everything is full of humor: the kids who are your customers; the mechanic, whose first action upon being given his job is to sit down and have lunch; the wage negotiation scene, which consists of two long arms representing each side's offer. When they meet in the middle, you've struck a deal.

Graphics and sound are excellent throughout the game, most noticeably in the animated closeup you can get of each ride, which is brilliantly ray-traced, like the introduction.

Theme Park is an intelligent, addictive game, reminiscent of the wonderful Sim City series, which will appeal to the more cerebral kind of game player, but which has enough humor and charm to be attractive to others than just the out-and-out computer geeks.

ABSOLUTELY and miserably at the bottom is Horde, by Crystal Dynamics. This is a bad game based on a stupid premise. Chauncey saved the king's life and was given some land. The idea of the game is to tend the land and try to make a profit, while fighting off the Horde, a bunch of uncivilized red creatures, whose greatest joy is uprooting your crops and eating your cattle, preferably killing you into the bargain. This they do exactly once a year, after you have spent the whole year planting your crops and feeding your cattle.

This is a classic example of a pathetic game dressed up by CD-ROM technology to look like something special. The game starts with a long video film, starring that awful kid from *Growing Pains* as Chauncey. From there the progression is all downhill.

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Peacekeeping's graveyard

WERE it not so tragic, the Bosnian war could provide ample material for some writer to produce an international farce. An unbelievable one, of course. For who would believe that a squabbling bunch of Balkan militias could make utter fools of all the major powers on earth, destroy the reputation of NATO, the military alliance that saved the Western world from communism, and paralyze the United Nations, which polices international law and order?

A scenario which, if fictional, would be mocked out of any publisher's office is being played out daily on our television screens as hard news. The constant stream of pronouncements by political leaders and the unending flood of useless paper "agreements" and "cease-fires" paraded before journalists for dissemination depends on a level of credulity in the general public which, if it existed, would require most of the Western world to be certified as mentally retarded.

In the midst of the virtual collapse under Serbian assault of the Bihac pocket in northwest Bosnia last week, UN commanders proudly announced that a cease-fire to end the fighting had been agreed. What it amounted to was that the losing Moslem side would stop fighting if the Serbs agreed to stop winning the battle. The Serbian side never even bothered to comment on the alleged "UN-brokered agreement." In line with the old cliche that the UN couldn't talk its way out of a paper bag, the same organization that has been negotiating endless ends to the war has failed even to secure the release of its own people held hostage by the Serbian forces.

Following the Saddam Hussein defensive philosophy of the human shield, the Serbs yesterday again failed to deliver on a pledge to free hundreds of UN troops held for two weeks for just that purpose. Unlike Saddam, however, the Serbs achieved their objective of blackmailing the international peacekeepers by taking hostages. Promised NATO airstrikes, which were supposed to protect the Bihac "safe area," fizzled out, allowing the Serb offensive to continue.

UN envoy Yasushi Akashi got a cast-iron promise from Serb leaders on Friday that the hostages would be freed and that the humanitarian aid convoys would be allowed to roll again. Akashi said – after nothing happened twice – that it usually takes up to 24 hours for these promises to take effect on the ground. This may come as a surprise to anyone who is used to seeing how swiftly promises fail to take effect on the ground. The simple fact is that the United Nations in Bosnia is now in virtually the same situation as the ill-fated Multinational Intervention Force was in Lebanon some 10 years ago – finished, but still babbling positive-thinking nonsense like some self-improvement fakir on an American morning chat show.

UN forces have no power, credibility, support, respect, or willpower. UN Secretary General Boutros Boutros-Ghali admitted as much yesterday when he hinted that not only is a pullout being debated, but it is at an advanced stage of planning. The last nail in the UN-NATO operational coffin was hammered soundly home on Friday by Russia when it cast its first Security Council veto since the end of the Cold War. Paradoxically, the importance of the vote was emphasized, not diminished, by the minor issue that the Russians blocked – a proposal to deny fuel crossing to the Serbs through Croatian-Serb territory.

As if the cracks in the Russia-West consensus are not now wide enough to drive several convoys through, the Western alliance too is in tatters to the extent that the multiplicity of spokespersons can't even tell the same story in public. A UN spokesman in Sarajevo said on Friday that the UN had asked NATO to suspend overflights to police the UN-declared "no fly zone" because of concerns over reprisals against the hostage peacekeepers. This was followed by NATO Secretary General Willy Claes publicly denying that allied planes had ceased to enforce the ban on combat aircraft. Yesterday, a token NATO reconnaissance flight brought a sharp warning from the Serbs that retaliation against the UN would be swift if they didn't cease.

Eerie shadows of the fall of Saigon and the American flight are beginning to hover over Sarajevo. The 24,000 UN peacekeepers may even have to fight their way out of this one, facing victorious Serbs and angry, abandoned Moslems. The UN undersecretary general for peacekeeping, Kofi Annan, said in New York that a withdrawal could take up to 145 days, even if the Serbs and Moslems let them go peacefully. And a UN official told the Associated Press after a high-level meeting in Zagreb last week to plan a pullout that any withdrawal was going to be "a real mess."

In the end, it is going to be a long time indeed before the United States, Europe, Russia, the UN, or NATO recover from this humiliating debacle in international relations. The UN has proved it can function only where it is barely required – for 20 years in peaceful Cyprus after first fleeing before the invading Turks in 1974, or sitting on sand dunes in Sinai where the real peace is kept by Israelis and Egyptians. After Bosnia, it is clear that if there is not an Israeli-Arab agreement to enforce peace, or an Irish-British one, or a Greek-Turkish one, or an X-Y one there is no one else who can or will do so in international disputes. Bosnia is the graveyard of the New World Order.

Two Bills

JOHN CHANCELLOR

IF Bill Clinton has a list of people who are dangerous to his political health, the name at the top should be his own.

The problem with Clinton's presidency is that he is a terrible chief executive. This has been a surprise to some of us who covered his race for the White House.

When he was running in 1992, I thought he was the best campaigner I had seen since John F. Kennedy in 1960. On the stump, he was crisp, articulate and concentrated, a candidate who stuck to his message. He was the skilled manager of a sophisticated staff.

But in the Oval Office, he has allowed his talent to be hidden by inconsistency, indecision and lack of concentration.

There are two Bill Clintons: the skilled communicator who stays focused, and the irresolute politician who tries to straddle the fence.

The president of the American Political Science Association, Charles O. Jones, said in September that Clinton "has yet to form his presidency." One reason is that his image as president is blurred.

Clinton's worst enemy peers out of his mirror

This lack of clarity extends to his philosophy: Is he a moderate or a liberal Democrat?

He campaigned with moderate promises of smaller government and welfare reform. But once elected, he brought forth a liberal agenda that included gays in the military and big-government schemes for health-care reform.

The public has seen him advance and then retreat on issues, from Haiti to homosexual rights. Vacillation has become part of his style.

After the Democratic debacle in November, Clinton seemed to embrace a Republican proposal for a constitutional amendment on school prayer. That was on a Tuesday. On Thursday, White House officials said that was not the president's position.

CLINTON'S management style would earn him a failing grade at a Russian business school. Historian Arthur M. Schlesinger Jr. describes the Clinton administration as "government by bull session."

Elizabeth Drew, in *On the Edge*, an examination of the administration, quotes a frustrated official's description of a Clinton White House meeting on health-care policy:

"There were fifty-some people in the room, a very high proportion of them not above kindergarten age. All of them were for the larger (health-care) package. There were cheers and groans and hissing. When you have that many people in the room, senior people aren't going to conduct a real debate in front of the junior people."

In the end, there was no health-care package, because the White House lost the battle to its opponents.

Clinton's personnel problems have made headlines, from the abandonment of Lani Guinier as the top civil-rights official, to the bizarre departure of Adm. Bobby Ray Inman, chosen as defense secretary.

The headlines don't tell the full story: Many staffing mistakes have involved people closest to the president.

In 22 months, Clinton has had two chiefs of staff, four deputy chiefs of staff, two White House counsels, two assistants for congressional liaison and two communications directors. His press secretary is to leave at the end of the year.

To be fair, these are not easy times to be president. Voters pay little attention to the strength of the economy. Clinton's accomplishments on free trade and deficit reduction are ignored by a grouchy electorate. Because of Republican victories, the second half of Clinton's term will be even more difficult.

His unsteady performance has gotten him in deep trouble; but success is not impossible. Clinton is a classic counterpuncher. He is the "comeback kid" who won his party's presidential nomination and the election despite accusations that he had been unfaithful to his wife and disloyal to his country. Yet to prevail in 1996, Bill Clinton will have to find a way to change his presidential style.

He will have to fight the Republicans on one side and his own shortcomings on the other. That's a big job.

Self-renewal is difficult if you're your own worst enemy.

(*Newsday*)

To know thy neighbor

GUSTAVO D. PEREDNIK

I do not want my children to study Arabic. Yet they may soon be compelled to do so, as Arabic seems set to become a compulsory part of our school curriculum.

Our language-learning priorities should be relevant to our Jewishness (Yiddish), our immigrant-oriented society (Russian), to European culture (French), or the business world (Japanese).

Perhaps no foreign language other than English – which is the second language of most people who do not speak it as their first – should be compulsory.

So why compulsory Arabic?

Prof. Gabriel Ben-Dor ("Arabic has a word for it," *The Jerusalem Post*, October 30) complains that Jordan's Crown Prince Hassan speaks Hebrew, while most Israelis can hardly read Arabic signs.

This comparison is misleading, since many Israelis do speak Arabic, while Crown Prince Hassan is a notable exception as a Jordanian Hebrew-speaker. Hebrew-speaking Arabs of other nationalities are rarer still.

In a letter to *The Jerusalem Post* ("People of the Book," November 11), Prof. Mordechai A. Friedman raises the language priority issue in responding to Ben-Dor:

"As the People of the Book, it behooves us first to familiarize ourselves with the classical words of our own tradition." So far, so good.

But he also says: "To better understand our neighbors – and even our own heritage – it would be commendable for more Israelis to learn Arabic and the rudiments of Islam, and I wholeheartedly endorse the appeal that they do so."

Does the physical proximity of our neighbors continue to be a relevant factor? With the speed of current communications, the Turks, Greeks and even Iranians are no less our neighbors than the Egyptians.

Should schoolchildren, therefore, be made to study their languages and religions too? The neighborhood criterion is limitless.

Arabic's importance lies mainly in the fact that it is spoken by large numbers of people. But then, shouldn't we be studying Mandarin, Indonesian or Hindi, all spoken by more than 100 million people?

As far as Israeli Arabs are concerned, the converse sounds far more logical: for all practical purposes, surely the more they know Hebrew, the less we need Arabic.

Children should not be forced to learn Arabic in school

Do South Americans have to study Quechua, and must Australians know Aboriginal? "Knowing your neighbors" isn't sufficient reason for making the study of their languages compulsory.

Language is a vehicle of culture. People should be free to study the culture to which they are most attracted. My personal third-language preference, for example, is Spanish.

ONE OF the founders of modern linguistic anthropology was Edward Sapir, an American Jew who gave his name to the Sapir-Whorf thesis of the 1920s.

This theory states that group traits are influenced by language. Thus we could infer that the Germans tend to be rigid and disciplined, partly as a result of their highly structured language.

Language is powerful. It provides people with concepts and ideas which can change the way they think. Language and mental processes interact.

In Hebrew, for instance, the word "life" is always plural, and there is no verb "to possess." Nor can you conjugate the verb "to be" in the present.

All this may either shape, or have been influenced by, the way Hebrew speakers think.

If every Jew were to learn Hebrew, that could unite our people dispersed over space and time, closing the gap between Israelis, Diaspora Jews and their common heritage and culture.

Arabic is the language of a civilization which embraces no democracy within its 21 states. It is the language of a monolithic, intolerant world, of societies with fanatical inclinations based upon fear, war and oppression of women.

Its study would not bring us closer to a civilization that could enrich pluralistic views.

King Hussein provided us with one example of this during the Washington Declaration ceremony, when he couldn't find a word in Arabic to express the idea of "non-belligerence." ("There's no Arabic word for it," he concluded.)

He didn't state the reason for such a blatant lack: Arabic vocabulary related to war expresses either *dar-es-salaam* (the abode of peace) or *dar-el-harb* (the abode of war). The former is the brutal imposition of Islamic "peace," the latter permanent war to subjugate infidels.

The demise of communism set the scene for the peace era, and Israel may indeed gradually become more integrated with its neighbors.

But in preparation, we must buttress our own culture, rather than learn the language of one to which we do not aspire to belong.

No, I do not want my children to study Arabic. Does the state have the right to decide for me?

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

TOMATOES

Sir, – I refer to Rachel Neiman's article of November 18 about tomatoes and in particular the remarks of the family in Jerusalem with whom she spoke.

It's exemplary that the mother, Bracha, wants to give her family all the vitamins they need, but she should be told that tomatoes are not the best source of vitamin C. Peppers have five times more vitamin C than tomatoes, viz. 107 against 23 for tomatoes (per mg.) and are much cheaper. Varied-colored peppers make a lovely salad. All cabbage types, eaten raw, also contain more vitamin C than tomatoes, so one can really live without the latter, at least until they get cheaper.

M. LUBINSKI

Ra'anana.

GOOD ADVICE

Sir, – Turkish Prime Minister Tancu Ciller deserves to be editorially blasted for her cynical hypocrisy. During her visit to Israel, she was most vocal in her support of the PLO and went out of her way to make gestures of friendship both to Arafat and the PLO representation in Jerusalem. Yet, referring to the PKK, the Kurdish guerrilla group, she said: "No one will allow for my country to be divided up." She also called them terrorists and explained that she would not negotiate with terrorists.

One second thought, maybe we should take her advice to heart.

AARON LERNER

Ra'anana.

NO QUICK FIX

Sir, – It becomes increasingly difficult to dismiss Arabs turned into human bombs as simply brain-washed. It tells me we will never have peace in the true sense of the word until both Jew and Arab learn to understand, accept and agree on our respective histories on which our claims, aspirations and sacrifices are based. This is no quick fix, only a slow process of re-education, and I doubt it will affect our present generation. Too many minds have been poisoned.

Our only hope is the current peace process, overburdened, creaking, battered, patched-up and slow-moving as it is, because deep down we know there is no better alternative.

DAVID ROSE

Haifa.

THE LIBERATION OF AUSCHWITZ

Sir, – I refer to your report of November 17, "Beilin: Arafat should be invited to Auschwitz."

I am one of the few lucky ones who survived Auschwitz and was liberated by the Red Army on January 27, 1945. I think this was an important event not only for those who were liberated, but for the whole world, as this was another step in the destruction of the criminal Nazi regime.

Auschwitz is a reminder of the many dark and destructive forces in human nature which the Nazis were so skillful in using for their own ends. At the 50th anniversary of its liberation, Jews and all decent people throughout the world should remember the millions who suffered and were murdered there. But Yossi Beilin is very naive if he thinks that this event would impress or influence those who deny the Holocaust – deep in their hearts, they probably regret that Hitler did not succeed in killing all Jews.

Neither the Polish government nor Yossi Beilin should try to use this event for political or propaganda purposes. Yasser Arafat should certainly not be invited to the ceremony, as this would be an insult to the memory of all those who suffered and were murdered there.

BERNARD NATT

Ra'anana.

ENGLISH PHONE BOOK

Sir, – In the past, the English translation of the telephone directory was available through Yellow Page Corporation. I was disappointed to find that they have stopped publishing the English version. They are still publishing Russian and Arabic directories.

I find this hard to understand when taking into account the large number of tourists, multinational firms with foreign workers, new immigrants from English-speaking countries or from Europe and South America who find it easier to read English, and also the diplomatic personnel, all of whom need the use of such a telephone directory.

DR. D KOHN

Haifa.

COEXISTENCE

Sir, – The recent confrontation between the religious and nonreligious on Bar-Ilan Street represents a problem that is not limited to one road in Jerusalem. As a sophomore in high school, I see this same dilemma every single day. Although my school – which is religious – is located next door to a secular high school, and despite the fact that we even share many of the same facilities, there is almost no contact or interaction between the two groups. If anything, there is an invisible wall between us, as the nonreligious think we are fanatics with a superiority complex, and the religious often put the secular kids in the same category as non-Jews.

In contrast, the American community I came from tried hard to mix kids of different religious backgrounds, either through the synagogues, Jewish community centers, youth or sports programs.

If an effort could be made to bring people of different religious levels together, beginning with school-age children, then maybe we would learn to see the others in a less threatening way. Maybe we would grow up to accept each other and at least understand the other side's opinion.

After all, we live together in this same glass house we call Israel. We really shouldn't be throwing stones, should we?

ABBY GOLDBERG

Ra'anana.

JORDANIAN LAW

Sir, – The peace agreement with Jordan enjoyed broad-based parliamentary support and a very favorable public opinion climate.

Nevertheless, it should be pointed out that Jordan's Citizenship Law Number 6, paragraph 3, promulgated on February 4, 1954, stipulates that any person may be a Hashemite subject except a Jew. In addition, Jordan has declared the sale of land to a Jew to be a capital offense, punishable by death.

This is nothing if not antisemitism and it would seem that Jordan was at war not only with Israel but with Jews *per se*. Should not these laws be repealed and immediately so?

YISRAEL MEDAD

Shiloh.

PICTURE POSTSCRIPT

You won't find too many American tourists stepping into the Al-Rashid Hotel in Baghdad. The *entrance is bedecked with a giant mosaic of the Devil himself, a snarling George Bush, with the* poetic inscription "BUSH IS CRIMINAL." Not subtle, those Iraqis, are they? (AP)

POSTSCRIPTS

WE ARE very proud to announce that the winner of the Miss World Eskimo-Indian Olympics is – an Israeli.

Twenty-year-old Princess Bethany Noel Peter-Raboff, an Athabascan Indian of Fairbanks, Alaska, was born here because of her father's work. He was a writer and Jewish, originally from New Jersey; her mother is a Gwich'in Athabascan from Arctic Village.

Princess's cousin, who lives in Jerusalem, gave Postscripts the scoop with a clipping from the Alaskan *Daily News-Miner*. The story explains that the contest is not just a beauty pageant, but a competition to select a young "cultural ambassador" for the Native people of Alaska.

With help from her mother and grandmother, Princess tanned the caribou skin that was used to make the dress she wore in the contest. She did the beadwork herself, a skill she learned from her grandmother.

Princess, who wants to be a tribal lawyer, was given the name Bethany because of her birth here, in El-Azatiya, an Arab village on the outskirts of Jerusalem.

Paul Raboff

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Cohen and Solomon

Glimmers of History Improve Coverage of Native Americans

Time will tell whether it's a journalistic trend or merely a fad. But Cable News Network may have started something in recent weeks with its 20-part series, *Native Americans*: The Invisible People.

During the past month, CNN viewers saw numerous well-researched reports venturing beyond the usual media treatment of Indians to explore what rarely gets much air time — in a word, *history*.

Most news outlets are loath to recount the realities — recurring betrayals, broken treaties and virtual genocide —inflicted on this continent's native peoples over the course of 500 years.

The customary media approach is akin to assessing what's on stage without considering the play's earlier acts. Typical news items are brief snapshots of current conditions — high rates of unemployment and alcoholism on Indian reservations, or disputes that involve fishing rights or gambling casinos — without historical context.

Television tends to be the worst media offender. But CNN broke away from the pattern with *The Invisible People*. What distinguished the network's special reports was attention to the content of treaties.

"When a government makes an agreement with another nation, that government is expected to abide by the terms of the agreement," said a CNN anchor, introducing one segment. "But many Native American nations are struggling to uphold rights granted in treaties with the United States."

Correspondent Stephen Frazier explained that more than 150 years ago, a pact with the Mille Lacs band of Ojibwa Indians "reserved the right to gather and hunt and fish on the land they were giving up. Otherwise, they said, they would starve."

Although the U.S. government signed the treaty, "when Minnesota became a state it deliberately did not recognize any treaty privileges of Indians."

The CNN story gave coverage to foes of Indian rights, like the Minneapolis businessman who blasted Indian activism as "political revisionism of history." But the report also provided a platform for defenders of Indian treaty rights.

The Mille Lacs won their court case last summer. And, correspondent Frazier concluded, "157 years after the Mille Lacs made a treaty with the United States, it is still valid. It is still the law of the land. It must still be respected."

Without historical explanation, the Mille Lacs' court victory — retaining special hunting and fishing rights — might have seemed unfair to viewers. With the factual background, it was much more likely to seem just.

In another CNN segment, focusing on a land dispute in Nevada, correspondent Bonnie Anderson explained that "the only treaty between the United States and the Western Shoshone was signed here in Ruby Valley in 1863 and it seemed to affirm the Indians' ownership of the land." In modern times, most Western Shoshone people "did not want money for land they did not want to sell."

Reporting from Indiana, CNN chronicled the struggle of Miami Indians to regain tribal recognition from the U.S. government. Across the country, "150 tribes have petitioned the Bureau of Indian Affairs but the odds are against them. Thus far fewer than a dozen have been recognized."

And, near the Grand Canyon, CNN spotlighted an example of how lucrative projects — in this case uranium mining — can run roughshod over Indian spiritual rights. A woman who is part of the Havasupai tribe said, "It's sacrilegious to go build a mine or make a profit off of an area which people respect and consider sacred or is part of their culture or their religion."

In a poignant moment, a Native American activist commented: "I don't believe that if these were Christian sites important to mainline religions that we would see them being bulldozed without any legal protection."

As CNN's Anderson reported: "Tribes across the United States are waging similar battles to protect more than 50 sites sacred to them. But they're up against formidable opponents, like oil, gas and logging companies — modern-day enemies armed with big bucks and industry-friendly laws. So far, Native Americans have not won a single sacred sites dispute based on the First Amendment's guarantee of freedom of religion."

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The executive director of the Native American Journalists Association, Ruth Denny, told us that she had "mixed feelings" about the CNN series. She noted that the network's father, Ted Turner, has helped to perpetuate negative stereotypes with his Atlanta Braves baseball team and its "tomahawk chop."

In the future, you may be seeing a lot more Native Americans on network television. CBS has announced plans for a major eight-hour series about North American Indians, to be hosted and co-produced by Kevin Costner.

Whether such upcoming TV projects will represent genuine progress, or just a Hollywood gloss, remains to be seen.

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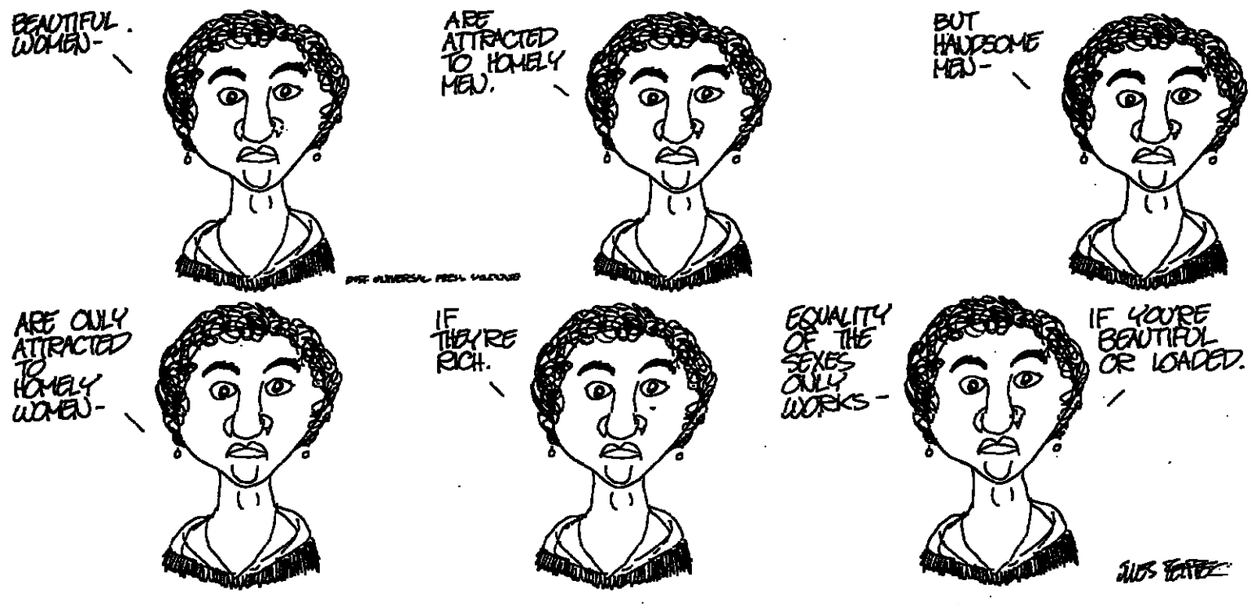

Alan Dershowitz

'NC-17' Rating Smacks of Censorship

The Motion Picture Association of America — the people who put ratings on movies — deny that they engage in censorship. The rating system, they assure us, is designed solely as an aid to parents who wish guidance as to which movies they should allow their children to see. And they are right, so long as they limit their ratings to "G," "PG," "PG-13" and "R." These ratings do not prevent anyone from seeing a constitutionally protected film. So long as the parents of a youngster approve, that youngster may see any such film.

But recently a new rating was introduced — "NC-17." If a film receives that rating, no person under the age of 17 may view that film even if his or her parents want them to see it. Moreover, many theaters have an absolute policy of never showing NC-17 films, and some newspapers will not carry advertising for NC-17 films. It is not surprising, therefore, that most film studios and producers regard the NC-17 rating as a kiss of death for commercial purposes. Indeed, some contractually require the film makers to produce a product that receives an R, rather than an NC-17 rating.

Generally, the NC-17 rating is reserved for films that are far more sexually explicit or violent than R-rated films, but more socially redeeming than X-rated exploitation movies. Recently, however, the ratings board of the Motion Picture Association gave an NC-17 rating to a movie solely on the basis of its dialogue. As Rolling Stone magazine put it in an editorial: "It can't happen here, not in the land of the free. But it has. 'Clerk' — a movie with no sex, no violence, and no harm done to animals — has been rated NC-17 because of talk. That's all it is, hilariously profane chatter between two 22-year-old New Jersey clerks."

Although "Clerks" deals with young people struggling with jobs, love, sex, friendship and life, no youngster under the age of 17 would have been able to see this film with an NC-17 rating. Indeed if the NC-17 rating had stuck, few Americans of any age would have been able to see this award-winning film produced by two kids on a budget of $27,000, since NC-17 films are generally not widely released. The irony is that the film would have been kept away from an adolescent audience precisely because it realistically captures the actual language of many members of that generation. Nothing in the dialogue will shock an adolescent audience. Yet the rating board that hands out R ratings to films that contain graphic visual portrayals of sex and violence decided to give "Clerks" an NC-17. As is typical, they did not offer any explanation; nor did they advise the film makers which dialogue would have to be cut in order to earn an R.

To make matters worse, the Motion Picture Association banned the media from covering the appeal of the rating, despite the public importance of, and interest in, the rating process. I am the lawyer who represented the film "Clerks," so I cannot claim objectivity. But outside commentators have expressed criticism of both the process and the result. In addition to giving the appeal process itself an "NP" rating — "no press" allowed — the association refused to allow a world-class adolescent psychiatrist to testify in favor of an R rating for "Clerks," though it did accept written submissions. In the end, the appeals panel did reverse the decision of the rating board and gave the film an R rating, which will now allow it to be distributed widely and seen by those adolescents whose parents approve. It is extremely rare for a rating to be reversed without cuts being made in the film, but "Clerks" will not have to cut a single line. But even this victory for free speech leaves much to be remedied within the rating system. We still don't know for sure why the NC-17 rating was originally imposed on "Clerks," or why it was ultimately reversed, since no criteria were articulated either by the rating board or the appeals panel.

The time has come for the Motion Picture Association to acknowledge how much power the ratings really have — especially the NC-17 — and to reassess the entire rating system. Both the public and the film makers are entitled to more "due process" than they currently receive. Criteria should be decided upon in advance and published. A more formal process of appeal should be established. Unless these reforms are undertaken, it is simply a matter of time until the entire rating system is successfully challenged in court, since the effect of an NC-17 rating is not merely parental guidance — it is censorship of constitutionally protected films.

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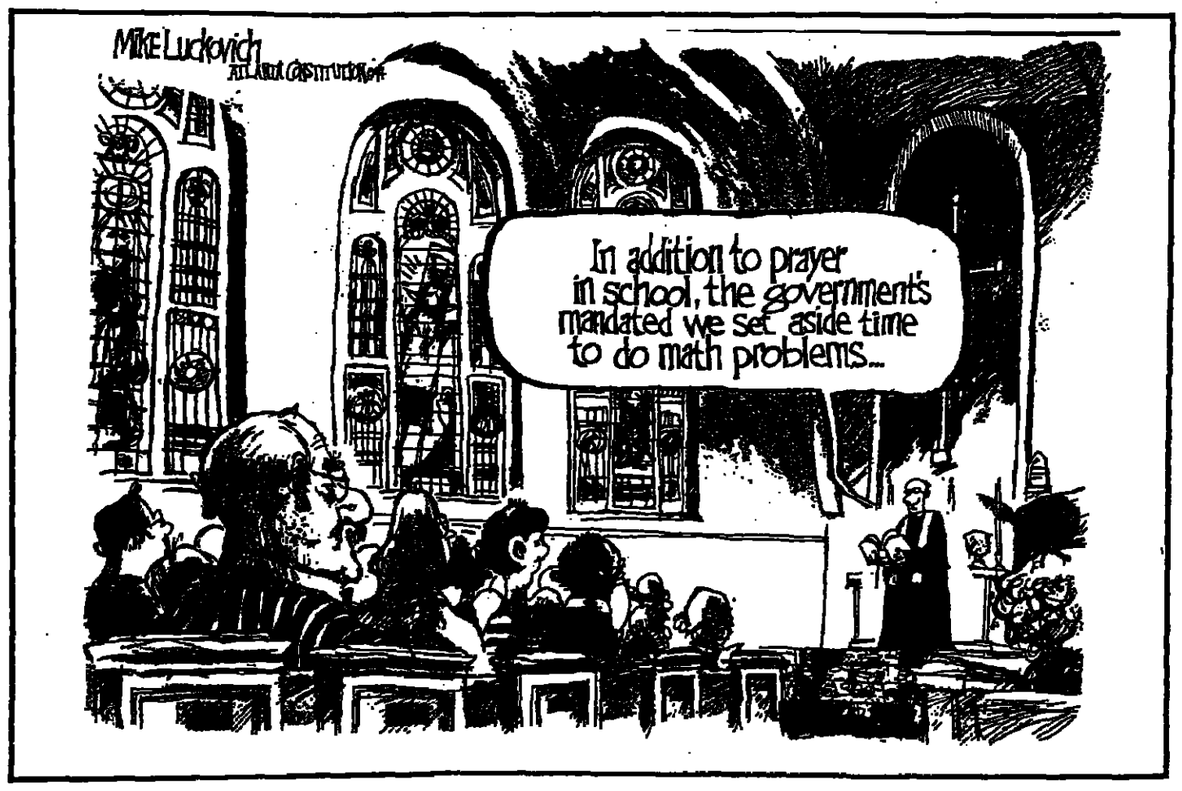

Andy Rooney

Stop The World, I Want To Get Off

If there was a button I could push that would tell me what year I'll die, I wouldn't push it. I don't want to know.

As a young man, I remember thinking I'd probably live to be 83. That seemed pretty good. Once I got within 20 years of that age, however, I moved it back. Now I think that if I ever get to be 82, I'll probably revise my estimate by at least 10 years.

A scientist named J. Richard Gott says that the life expectancy of anything — the universe, the human race, the Catholic Church, the Miss America contest — can be accurately predicted.

I saw this in the New York Times, and I read the whole article because I wanted to find out when the last Miss America pageant will be. It can't be soon enough as far as I'm concerned.

Like so many articles on science and medicine, when it got right down to the nitty-gritty, it didn't pay off. Dr. Gott predicts intelligent human beings will last on earth for "somewhere between 5,128 years and 7.8 million years." Well, holy mackerel, professor, that's not exactly pinpoint bombing. That's like me saying my checking account has in it somewhere between $1.98 and $369,893,071,842.87.

It's estimated that man has already been on Earth for about 200,000 years. Dr. Gott says that the most probable life span of homo sapiens is a couple million years, so he suggests we start looking around for other planets for future generation to live on.

The only comfort in the thought that I won't be alive in 100 years is what Earth will be like then. It doesn't look as if it's going to be a very nice place to live in 100 years — forget 2 million years or even 5,128 years.

I looked at what's happened in our hometown in the 40 years we've lived there and I shudder to think what it'll be like in another 40.

A few days after that story, I read another about how bad life is in New Delhi right now. I was in New Delhi years ago and I wondered at the time why people there had the desire to remain alive under conditions such as misery.

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It's hard to conceive of things being worse than when I was in India, but according to the story, written on a day when the temperature was 114 degrees, New Delhi (which, keep in mind, is a lot better than Calcutta) didn't have water or electricity. The system had simply broken down. City government and services had all but collapsed and mountains of putrid garbage were piling up in the streets. Sound like somewhere you'd like to go on vacation?

Since I was in New Delhi, the population has grown to four times what it was. The population of New Delhi is now 9.5 million, and by the year 2000, just seven years from now, it will be 13.5 million.

It's incredible that people continue to reproduce under such conditions in India and elsewhere. You see pictures on television of men and women in Somalia. They're too weak to stand but somehow they've called up the strength to produce babies that are everywhere.

Maybe when I'm 83, I'll take another trip to India. A look at what the future of the world will be like if we don't stop having more children than we can take care of, might make leaving all this behind a little easier.

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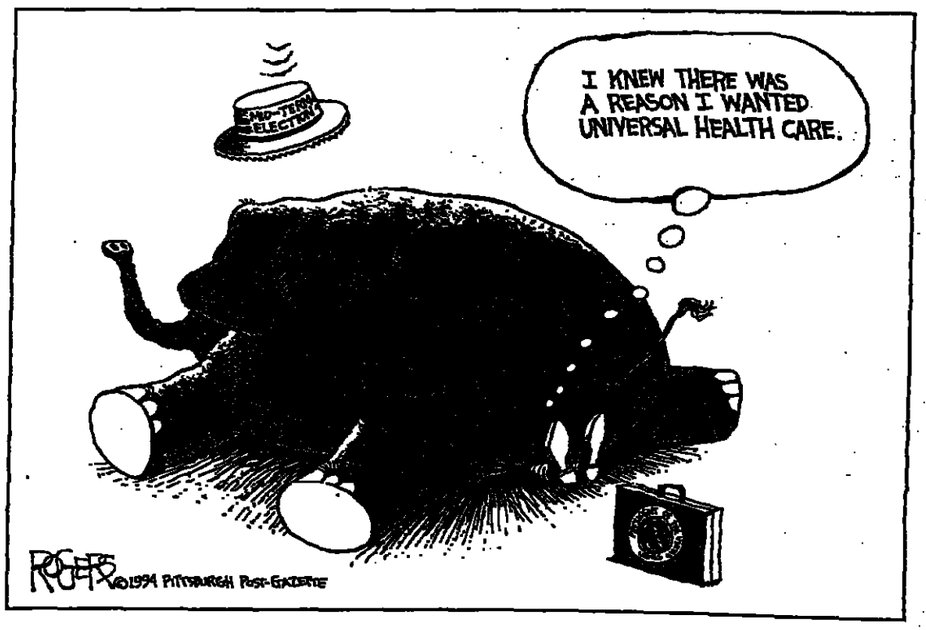

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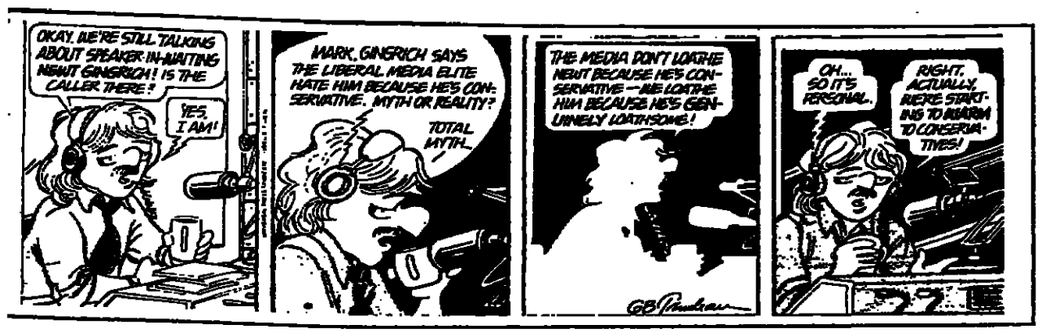

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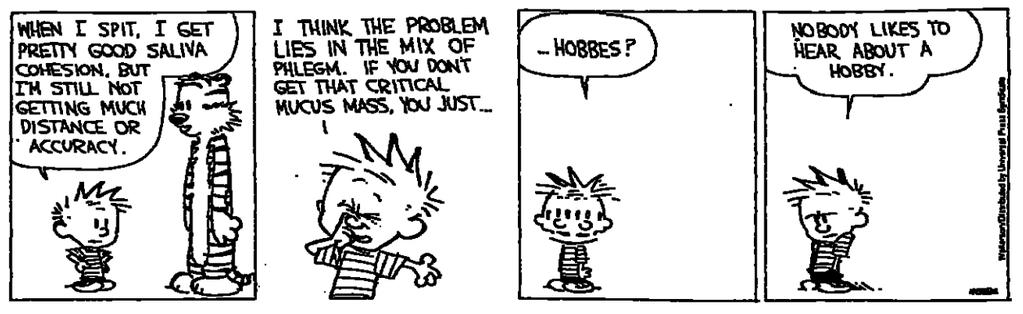

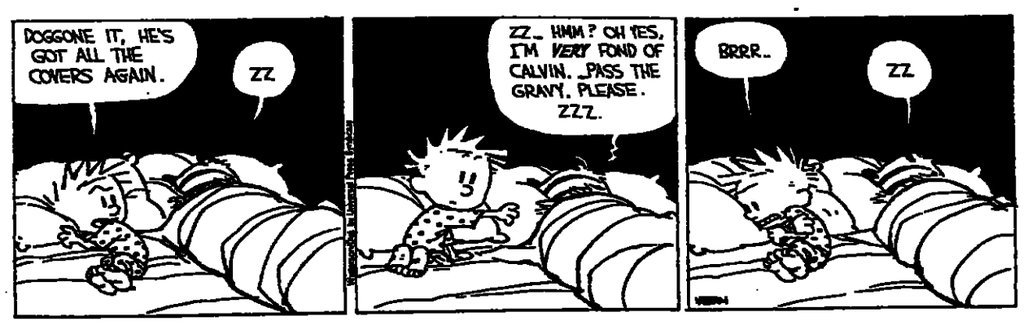

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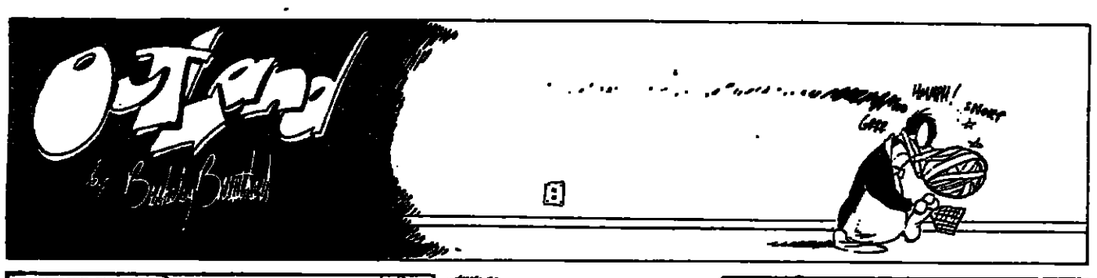

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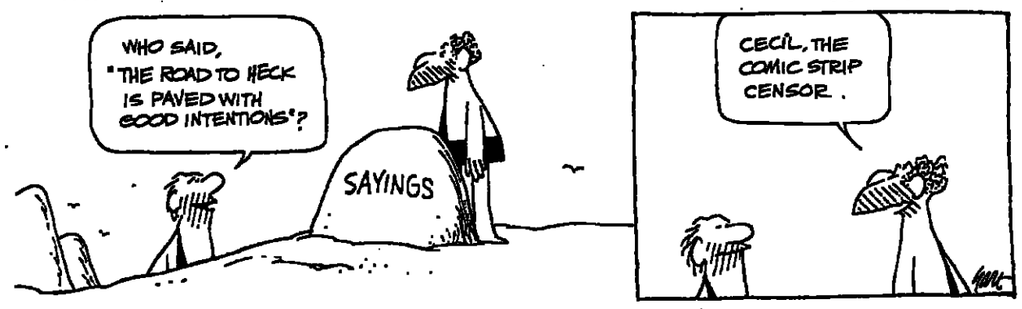

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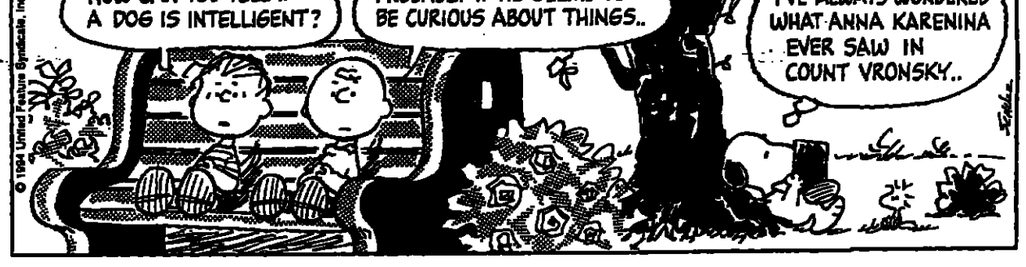

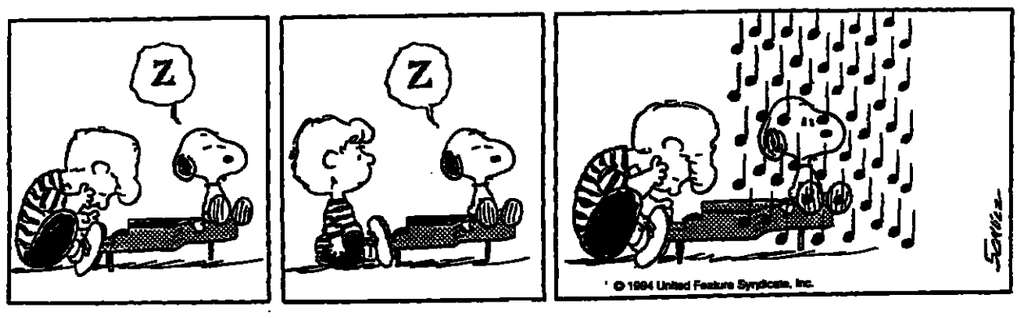

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"Say . . . Now THERE'S a little hat!"

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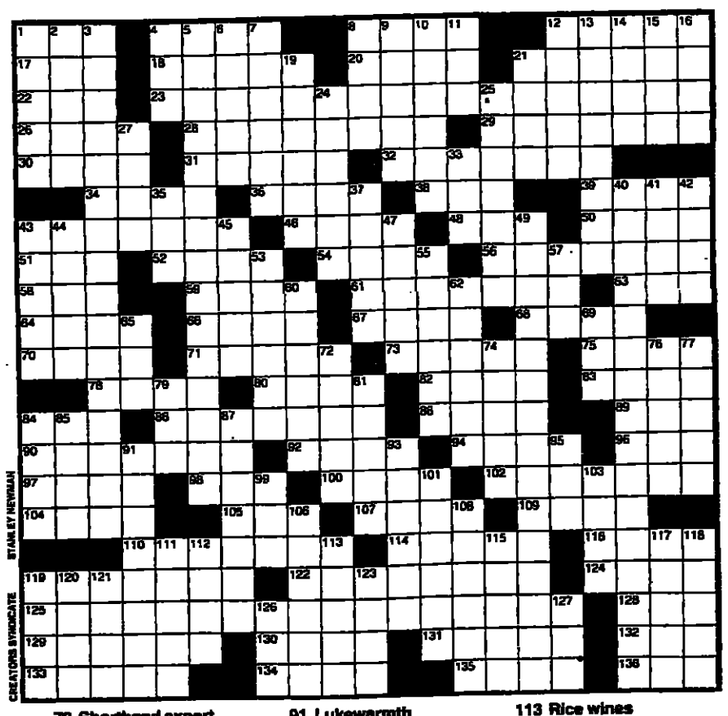

QUOTE CRYPTOGRAM by Rebecca Kornbluh

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Last Week's Quote Cryptogram: If I were two-faced, would I be wearing this one? – Abraham Lincoln

James Ridgeway

The Contract On America

WASHINGTON, D.C—

Thanks to an oddball alliance of libertarian economics and the Christian Right's social program, the reform policies put forward by the Republican Party seem certain to take the federal welfare system down a new and dramatic road to hell.

The policies affect all aspects of the welfare state, but at the forefront is an initiative that will create a new social class deprived of all benefits from any future welfare system and forever viewed as outcasts.

The targets of this new social order are the illegitimate children of teenage women who, with their mothers, are to be denied all forms of social welfare — a plan that is little more than state-mandated vengeance for violating the code of patriarchy and family.

These draconian measures follow naturally from the other forms of social punishment the government is presently pushing. And like the death penalty and the crime bill — which the Republicans promise to tighten — the welfare proposals have nothing to do with exacting change for social good.

Yet this highly emotional and vengeful campaign would be nothing without its underpinnings — an increasingly popular free market economic panacea that is being sold to the public in the most reasonable of ways.

The driving force behind this conservative program is the Heritage Foundation, which over the last decade has occupied center stage as the preeminent think tank in Washington, long ago outstripping the Brookings Institution and the American Enterprise Institute. It has worked hard to give the new right a friendly face, and Heritage has provided the core of the Reagan and Bush administrations in terms of personnel and the ideas that drove both them.

Heritage was the architect of the attack on the New Deal Congress, and has been an important force in developing the assault on the liberal-minded federal civil service, the drive for privatization, and the overall philosophy of free market economics.

The main person behind the Heritage plans is Stuart M. Butler, a foundation vice president and a former policy aide to the Thatcher administration in Great Britain. For more than a decade, the 47-year-old Butler has quietly and persistently guided the Heritage Foundation's attack on the welfare state, formulating the plans for its ultimate elimination.

"We would argue," says Butler, "that the primary trouble in welfare is the breakdown of families in low-income communities and the welfare system is a factor in that. One of the primary objectives in reforming the welfare system should be to reverse that trend."

As Butler sees it, the main goal of social reform is to reduce the nation's level of illegitimacy, which in part can be achieved through the cutting of benefits. But a key aspect of the plan also involves making states the primary designers of welfare reform. "It's a federalism issue," says Butler.

Butler is currently working on a prepping manual to be used at the training session Heritage runs for the incoming freshman congressional class. In it the foundation will set out the details of the conservative agenda across the government, including welfare. It is precisely these plans that have sparked such outrage in the pages of *The New York Times* and *The Washington Post*, where the proposed reforms have been widely derided as inhumane.

"There is a dispute, a misconception about conservative approaches here," says Butler. "We don't want to force people with young children to put their kids in day care and so on....We are looking to introduce workfare to those who are most able to join the workforce with minimum disruption to their family."

Butler also cries foul on the way the press has reported the conservative manifesto regarding the placement of illegitimate children of mothers under 18 years old in orphanages. "Journalists say, oh! the conservatives want the government to take away kids and put them in orphanages." But says Butler, "I mean it has nothing to do with that. All it's trying to say is there has to be a better way than just having a 16-year-old with their kids in some public housing project unable to do anything. At least give alternative options. They could be homes of some kind, maternity homes, they could be encouraging adoption. It could be some other thing we're not even aware of. That's what experimentation is all about."

This experimentation is unlikely to go anywhere. Despite largely successful conservative attempts to throttle welfare in recent years, the number of single mothers keeps on rising. And according to the initial analysis of the Center on Budget and Policy Priorities, a liberal-minded think tank, the Republican plan is not as straightforward as it sounds. As set forth in an earlier set of congressional bills, Republicans, in general, would deny a mother and her baby welfare benefits and housing assistance if the mother was 18 or younger and not married. The child would only be eligible for welfare and housing if the mother married the father of the child, or if she later married another man, who would then have to formally adopt the child.

Without formal adoption, the illegitimate child would be barred from receiving any benefits even if the mother got married. The scheme applies to all applicants for assistance, so even if a 30-year-old woman, who as a teenager had a child out of wedlock, applies for assistance, she and the child will be turned away. According to the center, this emphasis on establishing paternity would eliminate 3 million children from receiving welfare assistance.

The monies saved under this provision would be bundled into block grants and returned to the states for use in building orphanages, arranging adoptions, or whatever other "experiments" they might try so long as they do not pay cash benefits.

Under the Republican proposals, the food stamp program and all other food assistance programs would be eliminated, and the money saved would be given to the states in the form of a block grant to use for nutrition programs. Most probably, the money earmarked for these grants would be far less than that being directed into the current federal programs. Children born out of wedlock would also be denied food assistance.

In the Republican plans, everyone who receives welfare would have to work 35 hours, including such groups as parents caring for disabled children and parents with disabilities of their own. And as they would be working only for benefits, their wage level would be far below minimum wage. According to the center's figures, parents in the median state working 35 hours per week for a monthly grant of $367 would only earn $2.43 an hour.

Just in case these provisos still keep people clinging to handouts, states would be required to terminate everyone on welfare, regardless of their situation, after five years, and states could terminate welfare after two years so long as one of the parents was in the work program for a year. This proposal could end welfare for 5 million children and perhaps half that many mothers.

Since the early 1980s Butler and the Heritage Foundation have been formulating their agenda. One of their main targets has been public housing, and they have attempted to create coalitions of homeless advocates, public housing groups, as well as black conservative politicians and thinkers to break up the public housing coalition.

Butler believes that the solution to public housing is to subsidize decent housing through a voucher system that would "give them the widest possible choices about where they live and to what extent they want to spend their money as opposed to other services." Likewise, he also believes vouchers are the key to health insurance.

As for the unemployed, "under the kind of proposal we had the tax credit would be essentially a voucher. They would be able to get that directly and continue under at least a minimum health plan." "As far as possible," says Butler, "we're saying we will give you something that will enable you to get a full range of services and we will give you pretty wide discretion as to what you want to do. The idea is not to micromanage people's lives but to have at least the means to have a decent opportunity."

This new Republican agenda is offered up as a way to reduce the cost of welfare and to break the cycle of poverty. But while Heritage and the Republicans lump a wide variety of social programs under the category of "welfare," there is only one cash payment, Aid to Families with Dependent Children (AFDC), issued by the federal government and it amounts to less than 1 per cent of the federal budget.

As studies have shown, one notably included in Christopher Jencks's *Rethinking Social Policy*, many people on welfare already work to make ends meet. They hold low-paying service work jobs, or make more money by selling drugs and working as prostitutes. It would make far more sense simply to raise the minimum wage.

The best bet for welfare reform, embraced heretofore by conservatives and liberals, would be to convert AFDC into a form of general support for women who work, and then to provide additional support through the earned income tax credit. And basically, that's the way the country was headed before the election.

But beyond these narrow points, the prospects of a vastly improved life for people dependent on welfare in an era of free market economics are slim. The various nutrition programs of the federal government, for example, are not just meant for the benefit of the people who receive them, but are important underpinnings of the farm industry, which finds a form of subsidy in the government's various social welfare programs. And beyond that, many of the industries that would be involved in a remake of social welfare, insurance, for example, have already taken consolidation steps to protect them from the effects of true free market economics.

The overall problem remains the flooded work force, where permanent well-paying jobs are in scarce supply, and where increasingly people work two or three jobs at once to make ends meet. In the end, the only way to make life tolerable under these market conditions is for the government to construct a far more pervasive social service network.

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Bhopal and the New World Order

Ten years ago, on December 3, 1984, the Union Carbide Corporation leaked a poisonous gas into the city of Bhopal, India from its pesticides factory. In one night of chemical terror several thousand residents were killed and hundreds of thousands of others were injured, many of them permanently. Bhopal has been called the "Hiroshima of the Chemical Industry," the worst commercial industrial disaster in history.

In the ten years since the chemical disaster, there have been few positive changes in Bhopal. Union Carbide's pesticides factory remains abandoned and contaminated. Despite extradition orders pending since March 1992, the Indian government has made no moves to bring former Union Carbide CEO Warren Anderson to trial. Instead, the government is courting chemical companies to expand their manufacturing to India, replacing traditional consumer products and farming with plastics and chemical agriculture. For Union Carbide and the Indian government, the Bhopal incident is a public relations nightmare that is fading in the public's memory.

For the victims of the Bhopal disaster, the toxic nightmare has continued unabated:

* At least 15,000 people have died so far from injuries related to their toxic chemical exposure a decade ago. More than 60 people continue to die each month.

* Six hundred thousand people have injury claims before the compensation courts set up in Bhopal. Of the claims processed so far, two-thirds have been denied compensation because the courts do not understand the "systemic" effects of their chemical exposure. People are suffering from a kind of chemically induced AIDS, where the destruction of the immune system leads to many other illnesses. Many of the claimants will be dead by the time their cases are heard before the courts.

The bright sign in this otherwise bleak landscape is that people have continued to struggle for their lives and for justice. There have been hundreds of protests in Delhi and Bhopal. There have been international hearings on corporate human rights abuses held in Bhopal. Recently, an international medical commission visited Bhopal to help facilitate streamlined compensation and health assistance to those affected. Activists from Bhopal have shared their experiences with environmental groups on four continents. People in Bhopal have not given up.

The significance of the Union Carbide disaster, however, extends well beyond Bhopal. Unfortunately, Bhopal is not an anomaly. It takes its place beside so many other mass graves created during the last hundred years. During the first half of the century, mass destruction was carried out in the name of nationalist ideologies that made certain people enemies of the state, therefore expendable. In the latter days of the century the global corporation has emerged as the predominant agent of destruction, with an ideology that condones the sacrifice of people and the planet at the altar of free trade and next quarter's profit margin.

Through a narrow economic logic that has become a religious catechism, social, environmental and public health goals are considered "external" to the corporation's drive to realize a profit. Additionally, spiritual values, the fundamental threads that connect us to what is sacred in nature and to each other, have become not only irrelevant, but are considered backward and primitive, blocking the inevitable path of "progress."

Those who resist this industrial and technological juggernaut — workers, communities, native and Third World peoples, traditional farmers — have become expendable. In addition to the extinction of thousands of plant and animal species, the United Nations reports that in this century alone, 2000 different peoples have been declared extinct. This is the brave new world of global corporate trade.

Sociologist Hannah Arendt, in attempting to understand the Nazi era, has concluded that evil was not only committed by psychopaths and fundamentalist zealots, but by people who were simply doing their jobs. In this way, thousands of petty officials could fulfill their small, seemingly innocuous jobs, connected together in a vast machinery of brutality and injustice that sent millions of people to their deaths.

The Nazi's efficient technological and corporate structure was an effective mechanism both in removing individual responsibility and in dehumanizing the people who were the victims of this evil. Jews in transport trains to the death camps were called "pieces." On their one-way journey to Auschwitz, train officials processed 15,000 pieces from Hungary, 10,000 pieces from Greece, etc. Arendt has called this phenomena the "banality of evil."

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In the economic calculus of corporations, a similar dehumanization and banality also finds expression. Companies routinely calculate the costs of installing safety equipment or discontinuing a dangerous product measured against likely accident and litigation costs if these measures are not taken. Union Carbide made such a calculation when it decided to cut back on safety personnel and their training period at its Bhopal factory before the accident occurred.

In its 1989 annual report, Union Carbide told its shareholders that the Bhopal gas leak had cost them 43 cents per share. In this way, the suffering of over half a million people was reduced to 43 cents per share. On the day that Union Carbide settled with the Indian government on behalf of the Bhopal victims, its stock rose two dollars. Yet people in Bhopal remain sick and dying, their cases lost in a hopeless bureaucracy that will likely outlive them.

Other examples of this corporate philosophy abound. The DuPont Corporation has continued producing CFCs throughout the 1980s until today even though research 20 years ago showed these chemicals destroyed the ozone layer and would lead to millions of skin cancers worldwide. As long as DuPont could evade liability for these health consequences, it made sense to continue producing the chemicals. The Johns Manville Corporation continued to produce asbestos even when research showed that asbestos was killing its workers. For decades Union Carbide, DuPont, Kerr McGee, General Electric, Rockwell International and other nuclear weapons manufacturers deliberately covered up massive nuclear contamination problems even though their workers and the general public were being exposed to dangerous levels of radiation. An admission of their negligence would have cost them billions of dollars and perhaps their government contracts, so they simply covered it up.

Recently, this corporate logic has become enshrined in the economic underpinning of the General Agreement on Tariffs and Trade and other trade agreements. Global corporations are free to export dangerous products and technologies to more than 110 nations, as they shop around for the cheapest labor costs and weakest environmental and public health protections. It has made the further violence to the Earth and its species not only possible, but inevitable: the destruction of the Earth's remaining rainforests, global trade in weapons, toxic waste and poisonous chemicals, biotech cloning of animals for commodity markets, and the sacrifice of people and other species in the name of profit.

What is most frightening about Bhopal is that it is not unusual in the New World Order. It is the way people are routinely treated by global corporations in the world today. Cancer-causing pesticides banned in the West are freely sold to farmers in Latin America, Eastern Europe and Asia. Native American nations are bribed to accept nuclear waste on their sacred lands. Malaysian hill people are killed or run off their land so Japanese companies can cut down the forests to make chopsticks. Leaded gasoline, banned in the West because of its devastating health affects on children, is sold to Thailand, Mexico and India. This kind of corporate violence is repeated in every corner of the Earth.

Today people around the globe are resisting the corporate technological juggernaut. They are resisting an economic philosophy that would pave over the planet and turn every living thing into a commodity to be exploited. People in Bhopal have not given up their struggle for justice. Indigenous peoples and communities worldwide are resisting massive dam projects, the clearcutting of forests, toxic waste imports, chemical agriculture, nuclear power plants and many other projects destructive to a sustainable way of life.

Bhopal is not only a symbol of the technological failures of the 20th century, but a powerful warning sign for the next century. Are we willing to continue to enjoy the commodities of global trade at the expense of species extinction, poisoned communities and workers and ecological devastation of epic dimensions? Are we willing to sacrifice all that is sacred so that a few powerful corporations can become wealthier than most of the world's nations? Bhopal calls us to mourn for the dead, but it also challenges us to fight for the living, both in Bhopal and around the globe.

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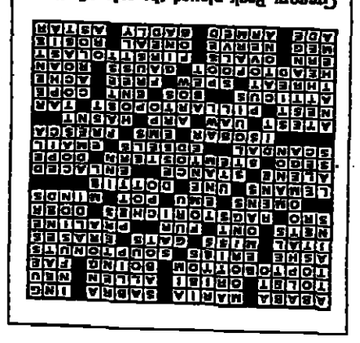

Gregory Peck played the role of author-ney ATTICUS Finch (91 Across) in the 1962 film adaptation of Harper Lee's "To Kill a Mockingbird." The 1922 film "Blood and Sand" starred Rudolph Valentino and Nita NALDI (30 Down); it was remade in 1941 with Tyrone Power and Rita Hayworth. ANATHEMA (77 Down) literally means "devoted to evil" in Greek.

Cat snack: They like it leafy

HEADS 'N' TAILS

D'VORA BEN SHAUL

SOME lucky people manage to keep both cats and houseplants, but in most homes, one tends to eat the other.

A reader wrote to ask what could be grown in planters that cats won't eat. It seems that the planters have been denuded of all foliage.

Almost all cats – including outdoor felines – like to eat some vegetable matter. Grass is a favorite, and many love cucumbers and other vegetables. Sometimes a cat can be deterred from eating plants by giving it sliced cucumbers or melon, or – a great favorite – fresh alfalfa sprouts. One Tel Aviv cat owner reduces damage to plants by growing wheat and alfalfa in small trays and placing them where the cat can easily get to them.

Other solutions include keeping plants out of reach – in hanging planters or on high shelves. Sometimes the plants can be protected by dusting the shelf with fresh-ground black pepper.

Among plants that cats don't eat are the various types of asparagus, some of which are quite attractive. Cacti are also immune to this depredation, though unthorned succulents are a real favorite for cat noshing. For the balcony, chrysanthemums are pretty safe as are dwarf marigolds, which have an odor that cats dislike.

Miniature roses are less attractive to cats, perhaps because of the serrated thorny edge of the leaf, or something else in the texture.

We don't really know the criteria cats have for favoring one plant over another, but it seems that taste and texture are factors. Coleus and impatiens are high on the desirability list, and begonias are almost irresistible.

Avoid poisonous plants including cyclamens and dieffenbachias of all sorts. Indoor bulbs are sometimes eaten by an experimenting cat so beware of the calla lily, even on the balcony, and, of course, no tubs of oleander.

Cats don't usually eat potted herbs except for thyme, but if the pot is large enough, they may still destroy them by rubbing against and lying on them. Rue is safe because almost all cats detest its smell.

There are no truly catproof solutions except keeping plants where the cat cannot reach them. This does limit your choices – but at least you won't have to watch your cherished plants being turned into a feline salad bar.

Before and after: The 5,000 year old mummy of 'Otzi'(left) and a sketch of what he may have have looked like. (REUTERS/AFP)

The aches and pains of 'Ice Man'

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CHICAGO

THOUGH he lived more than 5,000 years ago, his aches and pains were a lot like ours.

"Ice Man," whose well-preserved body was discovered in a glacier three years ago in Italy's Tyrolean Alps, had arthritis, hardening of the arteries and broken ribs that healed slowly over time, researchers reported last Wednesday.

"When you think of 5,300 years, it seems like an enormous time to any of us who maybe have a life span of 70 years. But in evolutionary history, it's just the wink of an eye," said Dr. William Murphy, head of diagnostic imaging at the University of Texas M.D. Anderson Cancer Center in Houston.

Murphy reported on the medical miseries of the mummy, dubbed "Otzi" because it was found in Italy's Otzval Valley, at the annual meeting of the Radiological Society of North America.

"It's really not much different from modern man," Murphy said. "There are very impressive similarities."

Researchers believe the gap-toothed Otzi was 25 to 40 when he died, but he already had developed fairly severe osteoarthritis – the kind believed to result from wear and tear – in his neck, low back and one hip, Murphy said.

Osteoarthritis in one little toe also suggests he may have suffered from a bout of frostbite.

Calcium deposits were discovered in the blood vessels of Otzi's chest, pelvis and neck, indicating heart disease stalked the Stone Age man despite his almost certainly rigorous existence.

"He had hardening of the arteries – arteriosclerosis," Murphy said. But researchers have no way of knowing whether this was unusual for men of Otzi's age in that era. "He's the only reference point we have for 5,300 years ago."

Eight or so fractures were discovered in Otzi's ribs, but no one can say whether they occurred all at once or at different times, Murphy said.

"It's the kind of thing that might have hospitalized modern man. It certainly would have sent modern man to the emergency room," he said. "He did very well with these; he certainly lived well beyond the injuries."

Murphy was part of an international team assembled at the University of Innsbruck, Austria, to examine the mummy with modern X-ray techniques. They have taken more than 2,000 images of Otzi since he was found.

Otzi was found in the ice by hikers. The corpse is the best preserved European known from 4,000 to 6,000 years ago, when humans were just starting to use copper for tools and weapons.

The body is being stored in a freezer at the University of Innsbruck, and researchers are allowed to work with it only 20 or 30 minutes at a time to prevent it from deteriorating.

"Modern radiology offers the ideal tool to study an important anthropological treasure such as this, because it enables us to view inside the body without causing damage," said Murphy. Previously reported X-ray studies have focused on his skull.

Analysis of materials with the corpse has led scientists to believe that after Otzi died he was buried and preserved in accumulating snow and ice.

Great Escape survivors recall it wasn't so great

MORE than 50 years after the "Great Escape" from a Nazi prisoner-of-war camp, seven survivors met for a reunion on Wednesday, and said the escape wasn't so great.

"It was not a great escape because 50 were killed and it gained notoriety," said Bob Nelson, meeting with six comrades at a hotel in Wiveliscombe, Somerset, in western England.

The escape, from Stalag Luft 3 near Sagan in Poland in March 1944, was the basis of a 1963 movie starring Steve McQueen, Richard Attenborough and James Garner.

On March 24, 1944, after sunset, 80 Allied airmen crawled 107 meters through a 19 sq. cm. tunnel nine meters under the ground. Four were arrested at the escape exit. The tunnel took two years to construct.

This year's reunion was prompted by a visit to England by Canadian survivor Tony Bethell.

Of the 76 who escaped, three made it to their homes in Norway and Denmark. The Germans captured the 73 others, and Hitler ordered them to be handed to the Gestapo, who killed 50.

"Why the Gestapo spared 23 was by the grace of God," Nelson said. "Although it has been said they selected me and Dick Churchill [another Briton] because they thought our names gave us greater hostage value."

Of the 26 survivors, 16 are still alive and are scattered throughout the world.

A Jewish try to find common ground with Hitler hit a fault line

THERE AND THEN

SRAYA SHAPIRO

THE editor of the Zionist-sponsored weekly in Berlin, *Judische Rundschau*, warned the newly elected Hitler that Germany was composed of different elements, each of which was entitled to respect.

To come to terms with nationalistic circles, editor Robert Weltsch suggested, Jews should be accorded cultural autonomy on the understanding that they would keep out of German political and social life.

If Jews agreed to keep within bounds, everything would be all right, he believed.

The reaction of Zionists in Germany and Jerusalem to events between 1933 and 1939 is described in minute detail by Daniel Fraenkel in *Al Pi T'hom* ("On the Edge of the Abyss," published by the Magnes Press, the Hebrew University and the Leo Baeck Institute, Jerusalem, 232 pp.).

Indirectly, it answers the nagging question of why relatively few efforts were made to save the 600,000 Jews living in Germany on the eve of World War II.

Weltsch's wishful thinking was not shared by some of his German Zionist colleagues, Fraenkel notes.

Gustav Krojanker, a German author and Zionist who settled in Palestine in 1932, argued a year before his emigration that the new German nationalism, as professed by the Nazis, marked the emergence of a homogeneous jingoism.

The Germans were not looking for common ground with the Jews; they sought unity by hating whoever was different from them. Ultimately, Krojanker predicted, they must degenerate into barbarism. Zionists should look reality in the face.

THE ZIONIST establishment tried to keep a low profile when the Nazis came to power, on the advice of the few old-time officials of the foreign ministry who still maintained contact with Jews.

Goering, the new interior minister in Prussia, did not invite Zionists when he called Jewish leaders to warn them against a planned protest meeting of Jewish organizations in New York.

Kurt Blumenfeld, chairman of the Zionist organization in Germany, shared Krojanker's views. He strenuously insisted on being received with the other leaders.

Goering wanted a delegation sent to Jewish leaders in Britain and America asking them to desist from their "horror propaganda" against Germany.

The Jewish leaders demurred. But Blumenfeld suggested using the connections of the Zionist organization for such a mission.

Two Zionists took part in the delegation to London.

They confirmed to their Zionist contacts the reports of the plight of German Jews but insisted that strident protests in the West would be "dangerous," and cabled Stephen Wise to ask his help in moderating the speeches at the anti-Nazi demonstration in Madison Square Garden.

The British Zionist Board of Deputies and the Anglo-American Association, an organization of assimilated British Jews, as well as the Jewish Agency in Jerusalem, assured Germany that they were opposed to an anti-German boycott.

Were Blumenfeld's tactics due to duress, or did he deliberately try to maintain contact with the new regime to ensure a certain freedom of action?

According to Fraenkel, the two explanations are not mutually exclusive.

The Zionists feared their activity might be banned. But when Jewish business premises and outdoor signs were daubed with paint on the eve of April 1, 1933, the signs of the Zionist institutions were left untouched – obviously on instructions from above, Fraenkel says.

The authorities also enabled the Zionists to maintain their ties with Jews abroad. The foreign ministry advised the interior ministry to issue permanent exit-and-reentry permits to Zionist leaders seeking contact with their organizations abroad.

Jews leaving for Palestine were allowed to acquire the foreign currency necessary to obtain a visa.

THE HESITATION of the German Jews obviously influenced the pitch of protests by Zionist leaders abroad, especially in Palestine.

From the point of view of Jerusalem, the plight of Polish Jews was as grave as or perhaps worse than that of German Jews, although it was not made public by Polish officialdom.

The Zionist solution was, of course, mass immigration to Palestine of all those whose lives were threatened, but that depended on the number of entry documents allotted by the British.

Mass immigration frightened some Jewish leaders as well as British politicians.

Chaim Weizmann, elected by the Zionist Congress to lead the campaign to save the threatened Jews, shared his misgivings with farmers in Nahalal in 1935.

"Let's say a million will come within 10 years.... The immigrants will settle in the big cities. The National Home, which had been intended as a paragon of pioneering, based on Jewish labor, agriculture, national culture, will instead become a transplant of the ills of the past."

Faithful to the teachings of Ahad Ha'am, Weizmann argued that the ideal of the Jewish State should not be sacrificed for the safety of several thousand people in temporary distress.

But David Ben-Gurion argued that saving Jews was a basic tenet of Herzl's teachings. On February 29, 1938, Ben-Gurion appealed to Lord Melchett to allow the immigration to Palestine of a million Jews from Poland and Germany. Political considerations kept the British from responding to the appeal. The stage was set for the greatest tragedy of the 20th century.

Out of reach, out of mind

KISHON'S KEYHOLE

EPHRAIM KISHON

RENANA is a dear child. There's something positive about her. It's hard to tell positively what, but there is. There *must* be.

Anyway, while other infants put everything in their mouths, step on things and smash them, Renana never applies force to anything she lays her hands on but simply throws it out through the railings of our second-floor balcony.

Every day at noon when I come home I spend some time picking up the dumb objects littering the pavement in front of our house. Sometimes the neighbors give a hand and collect the books, salt cellars, fountain pens, ashtrays, cutlery, transistors, records gone to glory, shoes, clocks, typewriters and other surprises. They, the neighbors, ring at our door with armfuls of fall-out and ask: "Why do you give these things to Baby?"

We give 'em, huh? As if Baby couldn't take them herself. She's a very well-developed child, our Renana is. The line on the doorpost – with the pencil held at a slight angle – has reached a high-water mark of 70 cm., and it doesn't need much to figure out that her raised hands can reach anything in the region of 94 cm.

"Ephraim," said the little woman-therefore, "the danger zone is just under a meter..."

And that's where our standard of living began to rise.

In one lightning operation all the glass and china in the living room was transferred to the piano. The lower shelves of the bookcase were evacuated and the refugees took to the hills.

Our crystal fruit-bowl was awarded supreme status on top of the cupboard. Shoes were stuck in among the linen. My papers were carefully heaved up in the center of my writing desk, so that Renana's roving hands got only as far as bare table-edge and stopped short of balcony-literature.

"Ho-ho," we grinned at our offspring with a hint of mockery, "nothing more to throw now, huh?"

Renana gritted her teeth and resolutely started to grow. She's like old Dwarfin's giraffe which was obliged to lengthen its neck in order to reach the treetops. Our daughter, too, was straining up, up, up – till after a couple of weeks only a mere two or three centimeters divided her from the closet keys (1.02 meters.)

"Ephraim," said the child's mama, "if she reaches the keys I'm moving out..."

She always moves out as soon as anything goes wrong, though I admit the future did look bleak.

We were particularly sensitive about the phone, which had always stood peacefully on its own little table. It was a pretty sturdy little table too, but below the Olympic minimum.

Renana toddled over to it in a moment of leisure, pulled the instrument down to the floor level and yelled into the ruins: "Allo! Allo! Allo!"

Her mother leaped swiftly into the fray, grabbed Renana, spanked her behind and shouted over and over:

"Na, na, na! Mustn't touch phone! Not phone! Na, na!"

As a result, our bright child stopped yelling "Allo! Allo!" into the ruins and switched to "Nana!" Since that didn't seem much of an improvement, I took several fat volumes of the encyclopedia, A to C, and placed them under the phone to raise its level of reception. I'll never forget the effect of that hasty step, which occurred one hot day when I came home and tripped over "Aardvark-Barcelona" on the pavement. I realized in a flash that the phone must be out of order...

And sure enough I found my wife mourning over a graveyard of splinters:

"It's the end," she whispered with unseeing eyes, "Renana uses pillows."

Baby, that is, had all on her own discovered Jefferson's Law which says that "a body rises in direct proportion to the object placed under its feet." For the time being she only used the sofa pillows: two of them, she found, would elevate her to the lofty peak of 1.44 meters.

Na-na-na our standard of living was rising again.

Stationery and precious manuscripts went to the mini-concentration camp on the piano. Keys were hung on special nails in the stratosphere to be safe from our pillow-fighter. The radio broadcast at us hi-fi and dry from the cupboard roof, and our creepers crept along the curtain-rods like the Hanging Gardens of Babylon.

Nevertheless, the boy we had hired to pick up our treasures from the pavement would still tug a rope about once every 15 minutes as a sign for us to haul up a basketful of missiles. Life became rather complicated. Our entire household was piled up on the pianoforte, and in order to make a phone call from the wardrobe one had to get up on the tea trolley...

"Good gracious," sighed the wife one sleepless night, "what'll it be like in a few years..."

I suppose Renana will grow up to be a basketball player. Anyhow, next day at noon I met my neighbor Felix Selig outside with a watercolor round his neck. This work of art happens to portray an Israeli harbor in delicate pinks and mauves, and Selig's head was sticking right through the hull of a freighter. He was speechless. The balcony's on the *second* floor.

"Yes," I said, "Baby's growing."

Inside I found the remnants of my wife pale as a sheet. "Ephraim," she whispered, "she... climbs... chairs..." The child, that is, had now discovered Hegel's Law of Progress by Stages and had translated it all by herself into progress by stairs: she had got up on a pillow, from the pillow to the edge of the sewing case, from there onto a chair, and from the chair on our nerves. Our standard of living had thereby risen to such dizzy heights that I guess only the U.S.A can match it: 160 cm.!

For a start, my writing desk went up to the piano. This piece, for example, is being written at an altitude of 182 cm. above carpet level. True, my head touches the ceiling, but the air up here is bracing.

A person can get used to anything, and children fill one's life with a variety of it. Phone calls are made from the top rung of a ladder bought for the purpose. We dine on the wardrobe-roof in the clouds. They say it's a very healthy way of life: back to the trees. We're gradually learning to walk on the ceiling...

Renana is growing.

Last night the wife, ironing clothes somewhere in the highlands, gave a stifled cry:

"Ephraim!" – with a trembling finger she pointed at Renana down below – "Look!"

Baby was climbing the ladder, step by evolutionary step. That did it. It's been a good life, nice to've met you, but there are limits. I refuse to be a poet with my head perpetually in the clouds. I've asked my wife to write and let me know when Renana's grown up. Till then I'm floored.

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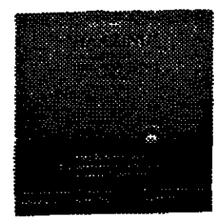

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NBA awash with 30-plus scorers

O'Neal, Hardaway lift Magic past Knicks; Miami's Rice, Willis stop Nets

NEW YORK (AP) – The National Basketball Association on Friday night featured three winning teams each getting more than 30 points from two players.

Orlando won its ninth straight game as Shaquille O'Neal scored 38 points and Anfernee Hardaway 33 as the Magic dominated New York 125-100.

Miami won for just the fourth time in 13 games with Glen Rice scoring 34 points and Kevin Willis 31 in a 115-97 decision over New Jersey.

At Portland, defending NBA scoring champion David Robinson scored 32 points and got help from Sean Elliott with 31 in a 95-91 victory over the Trail Blazers.

O'Neal and Hardaway were so effective that with one minute left in the third quarter, the visiting Knicks had 68 points to 64 for O'Neal and Hardaway.

"We asked the team when they were coming out on the floor for our best 48 minutes of basketball of the year, and I think basically that's what we got," coach Brian Hill said. "I don't know if we can play better than we did tonight."

Hardaway and O'Neal sat out much of the fourth quarter, while reserves finished the rout of the Knicks, who were led by 15 points from Patrick Ewing.

Spurs 95, Trail Blazers 91

San Antonio held off Portland for its second road victory in six tries this season.

Robinson's big game was no surprise since he's averaging 28 points, but coach Bob Hill said Robinson needs scoring support from Elliott, who's averaging 16.

"He's been struggling. We just wanted to force-feed him and try to get him going," Hill said.

The Spurs scored the final four points of the game after the Blazers had scored five in a row to tie it 91-91. Chuck Person's 17-footer with 35 seconds to play gave San Antonio the lead for good, 93-91.

Clifford Robinson scored 17 points for the Blazers.

Heat 115, Nets 97

Rice was 14-for-18 and Willis 14-for-23 for Miami. Willis also had a season-high 17 rebounds against visiting New Jersey.

"Those are very good numbers, but I can't be satisfied," Willis said. "I know what I have to do. I have to lead by example."

Kenny Anderson paced New Jersey with 16 points and 13 assists, but the Nets played without Derrick Coleman, their leading scorer and rebounder, because of a sprained right wrist.

Hawks 92, Bulls 81

Stacey Augmon scored 20 points and Craig Ehlo's first 3-pointer of the season was a big one as Atlanta won on the road.

Ehlo's shot gave the Hawks a 79-73 lead, and the Bulls got no closer than five points the rest of the way. Ehlo was playing in only his second game after returning from arthroscopic knee surgery.

BJ Armstrong and Toni Kukoc scored 19 points apiece for the Bulls.

Lakers 107, Rockets 89

Cedric Ceballos had 25 points and a career-high 16 rebounds as Los Angeles came back from its third-worst defeat in club history to stun visiting Houston.

Vlade Divac added 22 points for the Lakers, who won for the sixth time in seven games.

The Rockets got a career-high 22 points and 11 rebounds from Carl Herrera.

Bullets 114, Pistons 104

Washington finally won its first game with Chris Webber in the lineup as he had 18 points and nine rebounds against Detroit.

The Bullets were 0-4 since Webber joined the team after being obtained in a trade with Golden State.

Webber, who temporarily left the game in the third quarter to receive three stitches for a cut over his right eye, made eight of 11 shots in 34 minutes.

Calbert Cheaney scored 19 points for the Bullets.

Grant Hill scored 28 and Joe Dumars 20 for the Pistons, who have lost five of seven overall and four straight on the road.

Suns 107, Celtics 102

Phoenix overcame a 22-point second-quarter deficit and a sensational second half by Dominique Wilkins to win on the road.

Wilkins made 10 of his first 11 shots in the second half, and his last basket gave him 34 points and the Celtics a 100-97 lead with 1:47 left. But the Suns responded with a 10-0 run to regain control.

Danny Manning's three-point play and layup started the burst and put Phoenix ahead to stay, 102-100.

The Suns, who won for the ninth time in 11 games, were led by Dan Majerle with 21 points.

76ers 99, Kings 96

Willie Burton had 25 points and Clarence Weatherspoon scored 12 of his 18 points in the final period, helping Philadelphia defeat visiting Sacramento.

The teams were tied 69-69 entering the fourth quarter before Weatherspoon scored six points in a 15-8 run to give the 76ers an 84-77 lead they never lost.

Mitch Richmond led all scorers with 30 points, but he had eight turnovers for the Kings.

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THE HEAT'S ON – Miami Heat's Glen Rice dunks as New Jersey's Sean Higgins looks on. (AP)

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Boston	7	7	.500	4.5
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Philadelphia	5	8	.385	6
New Jersey	5	10	.375	6.5
Miami	4	9	.308	7

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Cleveland	9	5	.643	–
Indiana	8	5	.615	.5
Charlotte	7	6	.538	1.5
Chicago	7	7	.500	2
Detroit	7	7	.500	2
Milwaukee	5	8	.385	3.5
Atlanta	5	9	.357	4

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Denver	7	6	.538	3
San Antonio	7	7	.500	3.5
Minnesota	2	13	.133	8

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Seattle	9	5	.643	1.5
LA Lakers	8	6	.600	2
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Portland	6	7	.462	4
Sacramento	6	7	.462	4
LA Clippers	0	14	.000	10.5

Sweden sweeps Russia for 5th Davis Cup win

MOSCOW (AP) – Jonas Bjorkman and Jan Apell clinched Sweden's fifth Davis Cup title yesterday, defeating Russia's Yevgeny Kafelnikov and Andrei Olhovskiy in five sets to take an unassailable 3-0 lead in the final.

Bjorkman and Apell won 6-7(4-7), 6-2, 6-3, 1-6, 8-6 to end Russia's hopes of becoming the first unseeded team to capture the Cup.

It was the third straight match to go to five sets. After Kafelnikov's final shot went wide, the ecstatic Swedes hugged each other and hurled team captain John-Anders Sjogren into the air.

"I think we'll open a bottle of vodka tonight. Not for me, but my friends," Sjogren, who is stepping down after nine years as coach, said of his players. "We were very lucky to win this match in two days."

Kafelnikov, looking drained during a post-match news conference, blamed his team's lack of experience; it was Russia's first time in the Davis Cup Final.

"We just lack luck and experience," he said. "But I hope this won't be our last Davis Cup Final," he said.

He also said he felt nervous playing before a raucous hometown crowd of 12,000 in the enormous Olympic Stadium.

"Of course we are human, we have feelings, we felt pressure," he said. "We weren't just playing for ourselves, we were playing for 200 million Russians."

Stefan Edberg kicked off Sweden's sweep on Friday by beating Alexander Volkov 6-4, 6-2, 6-7(2-7), 0-6, 8-6. He was elated after winning in his seventh Davis Cup Final appearance.

Magnus Larsson, ranked 19th by the ATP Tour, defeated No. 11-ranked Kafelnikov in another thriller, 6-0, 6-2, 3-6, 2-6, 6-3.

Encouraged by a chanting, cheering Russian crowd, Kafelnikov and Olhovskiy took Bjorkman and Apell to the limit, but were unable to break the serve of the recently crowned ATP Tour doubles champions in the final set.

Serving to stay in the match at 6-7, Olhovskiy double-faulted at deuce, giving Sweden the advantage and setting up Kafelnikov's final shot from the net.

The Swedes played more aggressively, charging the net twice as often as the Russians and scoring from there twice as much as well.

For the Swedish team, it was the third straight victory against the Russians in Davis Cup competition. Sweden last won the Davis Cup in 1987.

WAYNE & FRIENDS – Wayne Gretzky of the LA Kings (r) and NY Rangers' Mark Messier (l) take a break from training for a charity game in Helsinki against a select Finnish team. (AP)

NHL strike nears 10-week mark

CHICAGO (AP) – National Hockey League labor talks ended abruptly Friday, even though a collective bargaining agreement probably needs to be in place by mid-December to save the season.

"You're saying we have two more weeks, but I'm not quite sure. And even if we did, it goes by awfully quickly," said Cliff Fletcher, the Toronto Maple Leafs' general manager. "It's like driving a car 100 miles an hour, racing toward a cliff. You'd better make sure you know how to put the brakes on in time."

So far, the sides only know how to put the brakes on negotiations. The latest delay guarantees that the owners' lockout will carry into a 10th week.

An eight-hour meeting Thursday had produced hope that an accord could be reached in time to salvage a 50-game season. But the sides met for only an hour Friday before agreeing to postpone talks until tomorrow in Chicago.

"The calendar is coming toward us like a freight train. At some point, it's not going to be possible to have a season. Hopefully, that's going to add some pressure to the talks from both sides," NHL senior vice president Brian Burke said.

The players, however, insist they've been operating with a sense of urgency and say they've been making all the concessions.

"It is getting a little tiresome in the sense that this has been characterized so far as a negotiation of concession," NHL Players Association president Mike Gartner said. "That's what happens, I guess, in a lockout. I guess if we would have given enough, there would be hockey right now."

The latest union concessions came Thursday, when the NHLPA agreed to allow each team to designate a "franchise player" who could be kept from becoming a free agent if he is paid a certain salary.

Gartner and union head Bob Goodenow contacted several potential franchise players, including some who are skating for the all-star team Wayne Gretzky has assembled to play in Europe during the lockout.

"Their reaction was that they weren't too happy about it," Gartner said. "But they did say, 'If this is going to get a deal, we understand.' "

The union on Thursday also agreed to drop its desired salary ceiling for first-round draft picks from $1.5-1.25 million, but the owners refused to budge from their $700,000 figure.

The main sticking points in negotiations continued to be salary arbitration, free agency and other ways the owners can fix costs.

Each team already has had 24 games canceled from its 84-game schedule because of the lockout. More cuts are likely.

Attracting athletes to Hawaii no easy task

HONOLULU (AP) – Trying to get a young athlete to commit to a university an ocean away from the American mainland is an annual challenge for Hawaii coach Riley Wallace. Often, it's an outrageous adventure.

Not only do Riley and his staff have to convince players to cross the Pacific, they also have to ward off some incredible tales spun by others in the competitive world of recruiting.

"One time, a recruiter told a player he could get caught in a volcanic eruption if he played here," Wallace said. "Another told a player there were demons in Hawaii. One told a player he'd never be heard from again because he would be playing out of the country.

"I guess some people don't know Hawaii is part of the United States and that Honolulu is as modern as any city in the country."

Despite its recent success – Hawaii made it to tournament action last year – trying to get a player to make a commitment a difficult task for the Hawaii staff.

Generally, a player who accepts the Hawaii challenge will be a junior college transfer student.

"They're more adaptable because most have already lived away from home," Wallace said. "They're more willing to stake it out. It's difficult to recruit freshmen for a four- to five-year commitment because it will usually be the first time away from home for them."

Two recent signees are attending junior colleges on the mainland. Of the eight new players on this year's team, six come with JC backgrounds.

As for the two freshmen, one is a local product and the other is from California with relatives living in Hawaii. The California coast is about 4,000 kilometers from Hawaii.

Wallace says Hawaii's sales pitch is straightforward and simple.

"You've got to sell academics, even with the junior college players," Wallace said. "When we do that, we put pressure on the other recruiters. Our emphasis is on the players getting their degrees and, believe me, we really stay on 'em."

At last count, according to Wallace, the Hawaii program is among the top Division I universities on the listing of players receiving degrees.

From there, the focus is on the basketball program, including a new arena, a tough schedule and national television coverage.

Another selling point is the state's beauty and its population mix.

"Let's face it," he said. "Players who come here have to stick it out. They can't hop on a bus or catch a ride when they get homesick. That's the challenge we offer some of them. We tell them they should consider getting away from home so they can grow and mature.

"And this is a good place to live because of its beauty and diversity of cultures – a true melting pot. We have something in Hawaii no one else can offer and that's an experience in living in this environment, this situation, which I think gives a player a real chance to grow up and mature."

Holyfield fires manager who opposed comeback

ATLANTA (AP) – Former heavyweight champion Evander Holyfield, intending to resume his career despite a recent heart problem, has fired manager Shelly Finkel, who opposes the comeback.

Finkel has been in Holyfield's camp since 1984 and has played a prominent role since the fighter fired business manager Ken Sanders in 1991.

Holyfield, 32, has been on medical suspension because of a heart problem. Last month he received medical clearance to fight again by the Mayo Clinic in Minnesota.

Finkel, who still manages a handful of fighters, most notably Pernell Whitaker, has said it is unwise for Holyfield to fight again.

Holyfield hopes to be removed from boxing's medical suspension list and licensed by the Nevada State Athletic Commission.

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Football teams give way to parity

NEW YORK (AP) – With less than a month left in the regular season, parity has taken over the National Football League.

Take Dallas and San Francisco out of the mix and the NFL is the ultimate parody of former commissioner Pete Rozelle's vision "on any given day."

To wit:

● Fifteen teams, more than half the league, are between 7-5 and 5-7 and eight are at .500. If the playoffs started next week, a .500 team would qualify in each conference – the Jets in the AFC and the Packers or Falcons in the NFC.

● Philadelphia, a team that seemed a month ago to have a chance to challenge the 49ers and Cowboys in the NFC now has lost three straight and dropped to 7-5.

● Pittsburgh and Cleveland are tied at 9-3 with San Diego for the best record in the AFC.

Here's how bizarre it gets.

The Browns moved to 9-3 last Sunday by beating Houston 34-10 with Vinny Testaverde back at quarterback after owner Art Modell made it clear to coach Bill Belichick that he wants one quarterback, not a revolving door between Testaverde and Mark Rypien.

Pittsburgh beat the Raiders 21-3 with Mike Tomczak at quarterback, but coach Bill Cowher said Neil O'Donnell, his leg healed, would be back this week when the Steelers visit Cincinnati.

But the Steelers may be glad the game is on the road – Tomczak is the favorite of Pittsburgh fans.

"Everybody has an opinion," he said. "If they didn't, life would be pretty dull. Sure, some people will be disappointed, but I'm sure we'll keep everybody's support if we keep on winning."

But will they?

Pittsburgh is the "hot" team in the AFC now, primarily because of its defense. But the Eagles, which were hot three weeks ago at 7-2, are suddenly groping for identities.

Why?

"I wish I could pinpoint why we've lost three in a row. We're all frustrated right now," said the Eagles' Rich Kotite, a candidate for coach of the year a month ago; a candidate for a new job next year.

The new salary cap-free agency system may be a reason why winning and losing is a matter of a play or two a game.

In New England's 12-10 win over the Colts, Don Majkowski's ill-advised lateral resulted in a turnover that killed the Colts' last chance. New England is 6-6, Indianapolis 5-7.

And where San Francisco has overcome injuries in its offensive line and the Cowboys got a storybook performance from Jason Garrett, on Thanksgiving in the absence of Troy Aikman and Rodney Peete, other teams can't overcome injuries as well.

Miami, despite its comeback victory over the Jets, has been hurt by injuries to running backs Terry Kirby, Keith Byars and Bernie Parmalee. In fact, that may help by "forcing" Dan Marino to pass, as he did last Sunday.

The Jets may be the epitome of the 1994 NFL, teasing its fans, then letting them down.

They beat Buffalo twice and lost to Miami twice.

Last Sunday, they were on the verge of moving into a tie for first in the AFC East for the first time this late in the season since 1986, leading the Dolphins 24-6 with 18:39 left.

But Marino saved Miami, throwing the winning TD pass to Mark Ingram – who caught all four, after faking a spike to stop the clock.

"We had," said Jets' coach Pete Carroll, "so many chances to put this game away."

NFL considering penalty box

NEW YORK (AP) – In an attempt to curb flagrant violence, the NFL Competition Committee has been asked to study the possibility of introducing a penalty box for players who deliver dangerous hits to a quarterback.

Greg Aiello, the NFL's director of communication, confirmed that the proposal had been made by one team. He emphasized that such a suggestion had been made several times in the past, but never got out of the committee for a discussion by the team owners.

"From previous history, it wouldn't seem to have much chance to pass," Aiello said. "It's never been taken seriously before because we have ways to penalize players, including ejection. There's no way to predict if it would have support this time."

The committee meets during the off-season. For the proposal to pass, it would need approval by 23 of the 30 owners.

Aiello said no specifics on the proposal have been addressed, such as whether teams would be allowed to replace the penalized player or a team would have to play a man short for one play or more.

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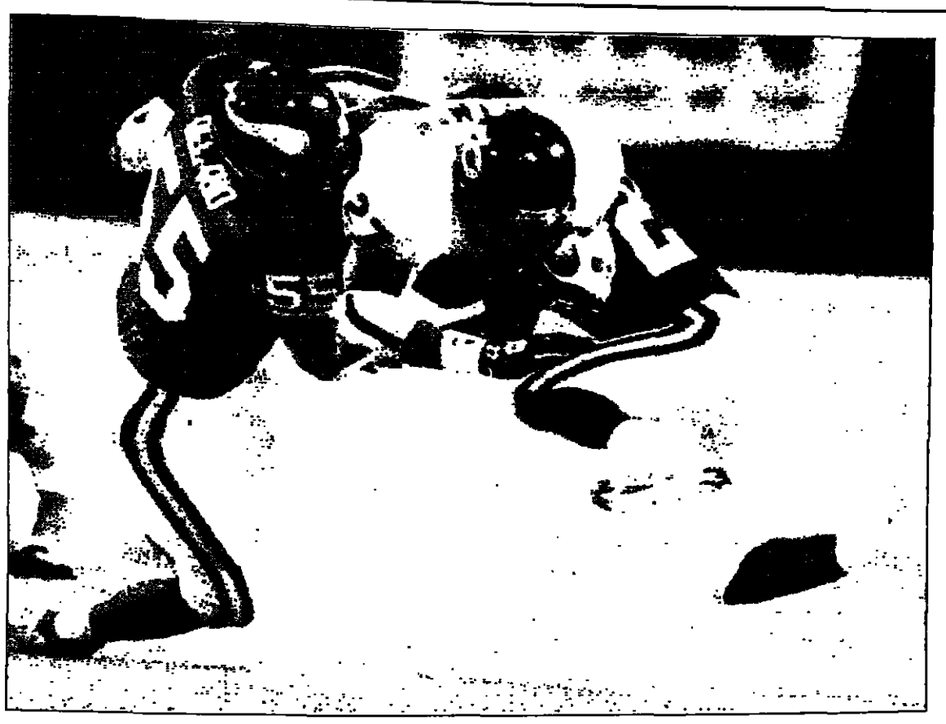

PUTTING ON THE BREAKS – Vikings linebacker Jack Del Rio teams up with cornerback Dewayne Washington to halt Bears running back Lewis Tillman after a short gain. (AP)

Vikes top Bears in overtime

Seahawks lineman Frier paralyzed in car crash

MINNEAPOLIS (AP) – Cris Carter turned Warren Moon's short pass into a 65-yard touchdown in overtime Thursday night, giving the Minnesota Vikings a 33-27 victory over the Chicago Bears and a tie for the lead in the NFC Central.

Moon's second scoring pass to Carter, 5:46 into the extra period, came two plays after Kevin Butler missed a 40-yard field goal that would have given the Bears (8-5) their second overtime win in two weeks and a two-game lead in the division.

Instead, the Vikings (8-5) took control of the division, thanks to their season sweep of the Bears.

After the Bears drove to the Minnesota 23, Butler was wide left on his kick. Then Moon and Carter went to work.

On second down, Moon threw into the flat to Carter. He spun away from linebacker Joe Cain, straddled the sideline for a few steps and avoided a desperation tackle attempt by Shaun Gayle at the 10. He stumbled into the end zone standing.

Minnesota snapped a three-game losing streak, handing Chicago its first loss in five games and its first defeat in eight games this season with Steve Walsh as the starting quarterback.

Meanwhile, Seattle Seahawks tackle Mike Frier probably will never walk again after breaking his neck in a car crash that also injured two teammates, a doctor said Friday.

The issue of who was driving the car Thursday night remained uncertain after agents for the two other players – Chris Warren and Lamar Smith – contradicted police reports that Warren was at the wheel.

Smith's agent, Eugene Parker, said Smith was driving. Rick Schaeffer, a Baltimore lawyer and Warren's agent, said his client was not driving and was not the owner of the car.

A detective said there is "reason to believe alcohol was involved." He said blood samples were taken only from Warren.

Frier, 25, "almost certainly will be wheelchair dependent," Dr. Michael Schlitt said.

Montana rips media on his 'retirement'

Joe Montana angrily denied a published report that he is retiring at the end of the season and said that although he is injured, he is not yet finished with football.

"It's ridiculous," the Kansas City QB said Friday at Arrowhead Stadium. "I hadn't heard about it until I got here today. I think you guys are going to start having to stand up for what you write. It hurts your credibility."

Beersheba claims top spot

DEREK FATTAL

HAPOEL Beersheba is the National League's new leaders after an exciting weekend of soccer action, following a convincing 3-1 victory over Hapoel Beit She'an yesterday.

The southerners were the only side among the top pack of seven to register a win, as all the others drew. Beersheba leapfrogged to the head of the table from 5th place with 22 points, to go a point above second-place Betar Jerusalem. Hapoel Petah Tikva lies third on goal difference with the same points tally as Betar, while the next four clubs each have 20 points.

Despite the stormy conditions, only one match on the Toto coupon was postponed, the Second Division meeting at the Winter Stadium Ramat Gan between Hakoah and Maccabi Jaffa. With 11 matches ending as draws, there are unlikely to be any new Toto millionaires this weekend.

A total of 25 goals were chalked up in the top flight. The match of the round proved to be a classic thriller at Bloomfield between Maccabi Tel Aviv and relegation fighters Maccabi Herzliya. The scoreline and the quality of the action were in keeping with the festive spirit as the teams laid on eight goals, in a four-apiece draw.

Fans at Bloomfield certainly were in luck as the earlier match in the arena's doubleheader provided seven goals with Maccabi Petah Tikva running over Betar Tel Aviv 5-2.

The fight at the bottom of the table is almost as close as that at the top. Four clubs share 12 points with Herzliya still five points adrift at the foot of the league.

Hap Beersheba 3, Hap Beit She'an 1

Man of the Match Alon Rif produced a second-minute goal to help send his team into pole position. Rif, who rarely finds a place in Beersheba's starting line-up, seized the chance to prove himself following injuries to a number of first-team players.

The Negev side went two-up from an own goal in the 37th minute by Beit She'an's Shimon Biton whose disastrous attempted clearance was prompted by an attacking assault launched by Rif.

Two minutes after the break, Nissim Avitan added another goal to the delight of the southside's fans. Beersheba remained in the driving seat, but succumbed to an 89th-minute consolation goal from the boot of Beit She'an's Nissim Agvira.

Maccabi Netanya 0, Betar Jerusalem 0

Former leader Betar was unable to take command of the greasy surface and a whole-hearted performance by the Netanyans who took to the field without top strikers Roman Filipchuk and Igor Shkvirin.

Ronnen Gubbay almost broke through the Jerusalem defense in the 24th minute, for the best chance of a quiet first period.

The heavens opened up after the break, making constructive moves even more difficult to perpetrate. The resulting goalless draw sent the 6,000 crowd on their way home cold, wet and disappointed.

Maccabi TA 4, Maccabi Herzliya 4

The thousands of fans who braved the elements for this match witnessed goals galore and breathless sporting action of the pedigree that warms the memory for months to come.

On paper, the Tel Avivans looked to have the easiest fixture of the round against the division's bottom club which, prior to this meeting, had mustered a mere six points and nine goals in 11 outings.

Soccer, if anything, is a game that defies logic. Somehow Herzliya's new coach Ze'ev Zeltzer transformed his latest charges into a fighting outfit that was ready to trade punches with what is widely regarded as the best side in the league today.

The epic encounter was set alight in the seventh minute with Ofer Mizrahi's opening goal for Herzliya. Within 120 seconds, Tel Aviv answered through Eli Driks.

The two strikers traded further goals with Mizrahi netting again in the 23rd minute, only for Driks to match him with another goal at the other end (26).

Two minutes later, Mizrahi was backed down in the Tel Aviv area in full stride. Yossi Medar beat former Soviet keeper Alexander Obarov from the penalty spot to send the Herzliyans into the break with a 3-2 lead.

Fortune swung Tel Aviv's way five minutes after the game resumed with Avi Nimni hitting past Shuli Gilardi from the spot after being tumbled over in the box.

Three minutes later, defender Amit Levy nudged the Tel Avivans into the lead following neat work by Yuri Shukanov.

The home side's celebrations proved premature. Moshe Amsalem came on as substitute in the 62nd minute and hammered the ball beyond Obarov's outstretched hands to tie the match.

Both teams threw caution to the wind for a rousing final half-hour's play but neither could find a winning goal despite a near non-stop barrage of goalmouth incidents.

A draw was the right result but the Tel Avivans' satisfaction will be soured by Shukanov's dismissal in injury time.

Hapoel Petah Tikva 1, Bnei Yehuda 1

Neither side can complain that the spoils were shared.

Sergei Gerasimetz hit his ninth goal of the season after referee Daoud Souhil adjudged him to have been unfairly challenged in the box despite the vociferous protests of the Petah Tikvan defenders.

In the 36th minute, Bnei Yehuda's Ofer Levy was on hand to clear on his line after Carmelo Mishish had threatened to level the scores.

Bnei Yehuda lacked the authority and shape that typified the side's performances earlier in the season. Nesach Masubi will rue missing a clear chance in the 56th minute for the Tel Avivans. Hapoel never gave up and the Petah Tikvans reaped the benefit of persistence when Walid Badir struck to level the scores with just three minutes left on Souhil's stopwatch.

Maccabi Haifa 1, Rishon Lezion 1

Rishon proved spirited opposition, taking the lead as new signing Filimanov marked his debut with a 70th-minute goal.

The visitors briefly had the upper hand, but Haifa substitute Nejwan Grayeb forced a penalty to be conceded eight minutes before the final whistle. Haim Revivo kept a cool head to score from the resulting penalty.

Ironi Ashdod 1, Hapoel Haifa 1

National squad star Tal Banin produced a magical goal from a 42nd-minute free kick which curved round the Ironi wall from 20 meters out to give Haifa a short-lived advantage.

The Ashdodians came out from the dressing room after the break determined to save the match. Yigal Zhrian led a passionate onslaught on the visitor's goalmouth. Justice was served midway in the second half as Zhrian notched up the equalizer.

Zafririm Holon 0, Hapoel Tel Aviv 0

Friday's sole match attracted 3,000 spectators to Holon's ground. The heavy muddy pitch repeatedly foiled moves through the center of the park.

Despite the sides' relative league positions, the Holonis had the upper hand throughout, against a Hapoel team which from this performance seems to have lost its winning momentum.

Real openings were few and far between. A 53rd-minute shot by Holon's Constantin Marko flew centimeters wide of the left stanchion, and soon afterwards, colleagues David Peretz and Yossi Abouksis came tantalizingly close in the same move after Hezi Sharazi charged the visitor's defense.

Betar TA 2, Maccabi Petah Tikva 5

The 1-0 halftime scoreline gave little clue to the rout which was to follow after Gabi Pekar edged Maccabi ahead a minute before the break.

His team went on the warpath after the interval. Guy Yitzhak was first to add to the tally seven minutes after the restart, with an own goal by Doron Amar worsening matters for the hosts in the 61st minute.

Maccabi coach Shiye Feigenbaum sent substitutes Tal Bania and Assi Ben-Shimon into the fray, and for the second consecutive week, his tactics reaped two goals. The duo worked together as Bania knocked the ball into Itzak Kornfein's goal with eight minutes to go. In the closing minutes, Shiyan Deniyev replied twice for Betar while Ben-Shimon added Maccabi's fifth goal.

NATIONAL LEAGUE
After 12 rounds

	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Hap. Beersheba	6	4	2	24	16	22 :
Bet. Jerusalem	6	3	3	19	11	21
Hap. Petah Tikva	6	3	3	19	15	21
Mac. Tel Aviv	6	2	4	25	15	20
Bnei Yehuda	5	5	2	22	15	20
Mac. Haifa	5	5	2	22	16	20
Hap. Tel Aviv	5	5	2	19	15	20
Hap. Beit She'an	4	4	4	12	18	16
Mac. Petah Tikva	3	6	3	19	17	15 :
Rishon Lezion	3	5	4	15	14	14 :
Bet. Tel Aviv	4	2	6	13	21	14
Hap. Haifa	3	3	6	19	21	12
Zafririm Holon	3	3	6	16	21	12
Mac. Netanya	3	3	6	16	22	12 :
Ironi Ashdod	3	3	6	15	22	12
Mac. Herzliya	1	4	7	13	29	7

Mac. Netanya ....(0)0
Hap. PT ....(0)1
Badir, 87
Mac. Tel Aviv ....(2)4
Driks, 9,26
Nimni, 50 (pen)
A. Levy, 55
Hap. Beersheba ..(2)3
Rif, 2
Biton, 37 (og)
Avitan, 47
Mac. Haifa ....(0)1
Revivo, 82 (pen)
Zafririm Holon ....(0)0
Bet. Tel Aviv ....(0)2
Daniyev, 88,90

Ironi Ashdod ....(0)1
Zhrian, 67

Bet. Jerusalem ....(0)0
Bnei Yehuda ....(1)1
Gerasimetz, 23 (pen)
Mac. Herzliya ....(3)4
Mizrahi, 7,23
Medar, 28
Amsalem, 62
Hap. Beit She'an ..(0)1
Agvira 89,

Ironi Rishon ....(0)1
Filimanov, 70
Hap. Tel Aviv ....(0)0
Mac. PT ....(1)5
Pekar, 44
Yitzhak, 52
Amar, 61 (og)
Bania, 82
A. Ben-Shimon, 89
Hap. Haifa ....(1)1
Banin, 42

SECOND DIVISION
After 11 rounds

	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Mac. Jaffa *	7	2	1	16	6	23
Hap. Kfar Sava	5	4	2	24	14	19
Mac. Kiryat Gat	5	3	3	22	15	18
Hap Hadera	5	3	3	19	12	18 :
Mac. Yavne	5	3	3	16	12	18
Hap. Ashdod	4	4	3	18	15	16
Hakoah RG *	4	2	4	17	15	14
Hap. Taibe	3	5	3	10	13	14
Hap. Bat Yam	3	4	4	15	17	13 :
Hap. Ramat Gan	3	4	4	14	18	13
Hap. Lod	3	4	4	12	16	13
Hap. Ashkelon	3	3	5	17	22	12
Ness Ziona	3	3	5	11	18	12
Hap. Kiryat Shmona	3	3	5	11	19	12
Hap. Jerusalem	2	5	4	21	22	11 :
Shimshon TA	1	4	6	8	17	7

* played one match less

Hakoah RG .....P
Mac. Yavne 2
Hap. Bat Yam 2
Hap. Taiba 0
Hap. Jerusalem 1
Hap. Ashkelon 2
Hap. Lod 1
Kiryat Shmona 2

Mac. Jaffa .....P
Kiryat Gat 2
Shimshon TA 1
Hap. Hadera 3
Hap. Ashdod 1
Ness Ziona 2
Hap. Kfar Sava 1
Hap. Ramat Gan ...1:

This week's winning Sportoto line: 2,X,1,X,X,X,X,X,X,X,1,2,X,X,X
The winning Tototeko numbers were unavailable at press time

Blue Jays won't use replacements

NEW YORK (AP) – The Toronto Blue Jays said Friday they intend to honor Ontario law and won't use replacement players in the SkyDome if owners start the season without striking Major League players.

Ontario Labor Minister Shirley Coppen said this week the province's law barring replacement workers applies to the baseball team.

The Montreal Expos would be able to use replacement players because Quebec law applies only to unions which are certified in that province.

Major League players, upset over proposals to limit their salaries, went on strike August 12, eventually forcing owners to cancel the rest of the season and the World Series.

Both players and owners, who aren't scheduled to meet again until next Friday, are preparing for the possibility of replacements. The Major League Baseball Players Association asked the US Labor Department on November 14 to certify the strike.

If the department grants the request, non-US citizens couldn't obtain visas to play in the majors unless they were on 40-man rosters August 11, the day before the strike began.

"The importation of foreign labor for the purposes of breaking a strike is fundamentally inconsistent with the code of federal regulations that INS has issued," said Eugene Orza, the union's No. 2 official.

Johnson given Jesse Owens award

ST. LOUIS (AP) – Michael Johnson ran only three races at 400 meters this year, but he made a huge impression.

Johnson, 27, was honored with the Jesse Owens Award Friday night as track and field's top performer. His victories, three best times in the world for the year, extended his winning streak in the 400 to 26 in a row.

Johnson edged two-time winner Jackie Joyner-Kersee, who set American records both indoors and outdoors in the long jump.

SCOREBOARD

US COLLEGE BASKETBALL – The University of Connecticut beat Duke 90-86 on Thursday as Doron Sheffer scored 8 points, had 5 assists and 7 rebounds.

ISRAEL RUGBY LEAGUE – yesterday's results at the Sportek: Tel Aviv 29, Ra'anana 8; Kibbutz Yizrael 24, Herzliya 3. Junior League: Ra'anana 41, Tel Aviv 27.

Hap TA beats Galil Elyon

JOEL GORDIN

HAPOEL Tel Aviv last night defeated Hapoel Galil Elyon 93-82, thus killing the northerners' hopes of rising – if only for 48 hours – to the top of the National Basketball League.

Galil, with 11 games under its belt, would have tied league leaders Maccabi Tel Aviv and Maccabi Rishon Lezion with 19 points had they won.

The place at the top will be decided in tomorrow night's encounter between the two top teams, already dubbed the "match of the year."

Hapoel Tel Aviv's hero last night was Mark Karver, who played his best game this season, since coming up from the Third Division's Hapoel Beat She'an.

Tel Aviv led 46-42 at half-time, and increased this to an 11-point lead after another five minutes. Galil trimmed the deficit to two points with six minutes to go, but then did not score for two minutes. After this dead period they were too far behind to recover.

For Tel Aviv, Karver and Buck Johnson each sank 27. For Galil, Oded Katsh scored 29 (100 percent from the free throw line) and Brad Leaf scored 19.

The remainder of the 11th-round games are (home team mentioned first): TONIGHT: Hapoel Eilat v Hapoel Holon, Bnei Herzliya v Hapoel Givatayim, Maccabi Jerusalem v Hapoel Gvat, Maccabi Ramat Gan v Hapoel Haifa. TOMORROW: Maccabi Rishon Lezion v Maccabi Tel Aviv, Betar Ramat Gan v Hapoel Jerusalem.

Sheringham spurs Tottenham to home win

LONDON (Reuter) – England striker Teddy Sheringham scored a hat-trick to inspire Tottenham to a thrilling 4-2 home victory over Newcastle that put it back in the top half of the Premier League yesterday.

Blackburn's comfortable 3-0 away win over Wimbledon kept it top of the table, one point ahead of champions Manchester United, with third-placed Newcastle, which equalized twice through Ruel Fox at White Hart Lane, dropping five points off the pace.

Frenchman Eric Cantona scored the only goal in Manchester United's win over Norwich – United's 10th successive home victory, all with a clean sheet, in the league this season.

Liverpool veteran Ian Rush, who hit a hat-trick at Blackburn in the League Cup in midweek, scored his fourth goal in four days after only two minutes at Coventry but the home side came back to equalize through Sean Flynn after the interval.

Brian Little's return to Leicester with Aston Villa began badly with fans chanting "Judas" after his shock departure and a goal from Leicester's Phil Gee in the fifth minute.

But Villa equalized through Guy Whittingham on the hour to force a 1-1 draw.

Former Liverpool, Manchester City and England midfielder Steve McMahon was sent off in the 73rd minute of his debut as player-manager of First Division Swindon at Southend.

Tottenham celebrated its first victory in four matches under new manager Gerry Francis, who has worked hard at shoring up a previously shaky defense, and only its third home win of the season to move up to 11th in the 22-team league.

With England midfielder Darren Anderton, who passed a fitness test only shortly before kick-off, in sterling form, Spurs went ahead with Sheringham driving home an Anderton through ball in the 15th minute.

Sheringham also scored in the 39th and 71st minutes after Fox had twice leveled the score before the break, first with a 30th-minute header, then a 42nd-minute shot after a rebound off the Tottenham post.

Ten minutes from time, Romanian midfielder Gica Popescu put the match beyond Newcastle when he raced through the middle and swapped passes with Anderton before driving in a powerful shot.

Newcastle, which topped the table until early November, has now gone four Premier League matches without winning.

Blackburn, which had never won away to Wimbledon before, went ahead through Mark Atkins in the 52nd minute, then made sure of the points with goals in quick succession from Jason Wilcox and Alan Shearer in the 72nd and 74th minutes.

At least four minor league sides could reach the third round of the FA Cup when the Premier League and First Division join in after yesterday's second round.

Altrincham beat Third Division Wigan 1-0 and Aylesbury won an all-Diadora League clash at Kingstonian 4-1.

Enfield earned a replay at Third Division Torquay with a 1-1 draw after going one down inside a minute. Fruit and vegetable seller Gary Abott, who has scored in every round, equalized in the 13th minute with his seventh goal of the competition.

Halifax will also replay after a 0-0 draw at home to Third Division Mansfield.

But Hitchin crashed out, Simon Garner scoring a hat-trick as second division Wycombe Wanderers rewarded manager Martin O'Neill for turning down the vacant Leicester job with a 5-0 victory.

Southampton goalkeeper Bruce Grobbelaar conceded his first goal in three Premier League games since being alleged to have fixed matches when substitute Paul Furlong gave Chelsea a 1-0 away win with a goal one minute from time at The Dell.

Injury-ravaged Arsenal, minus seven internationals, came back twice to draw 2-2 at Nottingham Forest, robbing the home side of its first victory in seven matches.

Forest's goals from England defender Stuart Pearce with a penalty and Dutch winger Brian Roy were its first in seven matches.

Defender Martin Keown and midfielder Paul Davis both scored for Arsenal with diving headers.

PREMIER LEAGUE: Coventry 1, Liverpool 1; Ipswich 1, Manchester City 2; Leicester 1, Aston Villa 1; Manchester United 1, Norwich 0; Nottingham Forest 2, Arsenal 2; Sheffield Wednesday 1, Crystal Palace 0; Southampton 0, Chelsea 1; Tottenham 4, Newcastle 2; Wimbledon 0, Blackburn 3.

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Blackburn	17	12	3	2	38	13	39
Man Utd	17	12	2	3	32	10	38
Newcastle	17	10	4	3	36	21	34
Liverpool	17	9	4	4	34	18	31
Nottingham Forest	17	8	5	4	27	18	29
Manchester City	17	8	4	5	29	25	28
Chelsea	17	8	3	6	28	20	27
Leeds	16	8	3	5	24	19	27
Norwich	17	8	6	5	15	15	24
Coventry	17	6	5	8	20	27	23
Tottenham	17	6	4	7	29	33	22
Arsenal	17	5	6	6	20	18	21
Southampton	17	5	6	6	23	27	21
Sheff. Wed.	17	5	6	6	18	23	21
Crystal Palace	17	5	5	7	15	19	20
Wimbledon	17	5	3	9	17	31	18
West Ham	16	5	2	9	9	17	17
QPR	16	4	4	8	23	31	16
Aston Villa	17	3	6	8	21	29	15
Everton	16	3	5	8	12	24	14
Leicester	17	3	4	10	18	30	13
Ipswich	17	3	2	12	16	33	11

DIVISION ONE: Bristol City 1, Grimsby 2; Derby 0, Notts County 0; Luton 3, Sheffield United 6; Middlesbrough 4, Portsmouth 0; Southend 2, Swindon 0; Sunderland 0, Reading 1; Tranmere 2, Watford 1; West Bromwich Albion 2, Barnsley 1.

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Middlesbrough	19	12	3	4	30	16	39
Tranmere	19	10	5	4	33	22	35
Wolverhampton	18	10	4	5	36	22	34
Grimsby	20	8	7	5	29	24	31
Reading	19	9	4	6	22	18	31
Sheffield United	20	8	5	7	31	23	29
Bolton	19	8	5	6	31	24	29
Luton	20	8	5	7	31	29	29
Barnsley	19	8	5	6	20	20	29
Watford	20	7	7	6	22	24	28
Southend	20	8	4	8	21	31	28
Stoke	19	7	6	6	23	24	27
Derby	20	7	6	7	22	19	27
Sunderland	20	5	10	5	22	18	25
Port Vale	19	6	6	7	22	23	24
Burnley	19	5	9	5	21	23	24
Charlton	19	5	8	6	29	30	23
Oldham	19	6	5	8	24	25	23
Swindon	20	6	4	10	26	33	22
West Brom	20	5	6	9	18	28	21
Millwall	19	4	7	8	24	28	19
Portsmouth	20	4	7	9	20	32	19
Bristol City	19	5	4	10	16	27	19
Notts County	19	3	6	10	20	30	15

SCOTTISH PREMIER: Aberdeen 6, Kilmarnock 1; Celtic 2, Motherwell 2; Hearts 1, Falkirk 1; Partick 2, Hibernian 2.

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Rangers	15	9	3	3	26	12	30
Motherwell	16	7	8	1	31	22	28
Hibernian	16	5	10	1	21	12	25
Falkirk	16	5	7	4	23	24	22
Celtic	16	4	9	3	17	16	21
Dundee United	15	5	4	6	19	23	19
Kilmarnock	16	4	6	6	15	20	18
Hearts	16	5	3	8	19	25	18
Partick	16	3	4	9	14	26	13
Aberdeen	16	2	6	8	18	23	12

FA CUP (2nd round): Altrincham 1, Wigan 0; Crewe 1, Bury 2; Enfield 1, Torquay 1; Exeter 1, Colchester 2; Gillingham 1, Fulham 1; Halifax 0, Mansfield 0; Hitchin 0, Wycombe 5; Kingstonian 1, Aylesbury 4; Leyton Orient 0, Bristol Rovers 2; Lincoln 1, Huddersfield 0; Peterborough 0, Cambridge United 2; Plymouth 2, Bournemouth 1; Preston 1, Walsall 1; Scarborough 1, Port Vale 0; Wrexham 5, Rotherham 2.

Malcolm, Rhodes to miss match

CANBERRA (AP) – England will be without pace bowler Devon Malcolm and wicketkeeper Steve Rhodes when it faces the Australian Capital Territory in a one-day cricket game today at Manuka Oval.

The match is England's final limited-overs warm-up before it faces Australia in its opening World Series game in Sydney on Tuesday.

Malcolm had hoped to play but still is recovering from chicken pox that has sidelined him for two weeks, while Alec Stewart will play behind the stumps – a possible sign of England's World Series plans.

England captain Mike Atherton said yesterday that a victory is important for team morale after the First Test defeat against Australia in Brisbane last week.

"If you come out and lose, everyone is on your back and if you come out and win, everyone says 'So what?'," said Atherton.

Meanwhile on Friday, Test reject John Crawley scored a fiery unbeaten 91 to spearhead England to a four-wicket win over a Sir Donald Bradman XI in a limited-overs cricket match at Bowral.

Crawley, who was left out of the team for the first Test against Australia, clubbed eight fours and a six as England scored a morale-boosting win against the team of young Australians led by former Test captain Allan Border.

The Bradman XI scored 205 for four in its allocated 50 overs and England reached the required total with just seven balls to spare.

Crawley revived England's hopes after tourists had slumped to 136 for six. He and Darren Gough added 72 runs off just 57 balls in an unbeaten seventh wicket stand.

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4-BEDROOM VICTORIAN HOUSE, 5 minutes Highgate Underground, 2 weeks from 25 December. ☎ London 081 347 5280; Fax 081 245 2972. 018036

Key Representative Rates		Change
US dollar	NIS 3.0250	-0.04%
Sterling	NIS 4.7397	+0.12%
Mark	NIS 1.9208	-0.30%

INT'L STOCK MARKETS

New York market indexes

	Last	Change
DJ Industrials	3745.82	+44.75
DJ Transport	1436.4	+5.36
DJ Utils	179.41	+2.37
DJ Comp	1260.92	+12
NYSE Industr	312.91	+2.6
NYSE Transport	229.47	+0
NYSE Comp	248.01	+1.97
S&P 100	422.04	+5.21
S&P Spot Index	453.3	+4.38
AMEX Comp	432.45	+1.27

NYSE stocks

	Unchanged	Advances	Declines
Share movements	1620	1420	868
Volume up (in 1000's)			182218
Volume down (in 1000's)			86139

Other stock market indexes

	Last	Change
FTSE 100	3017.3	+0
Tokyo Nikkei average	18998.3	-15.3
Singapore all-shares index	530.1	+3
Hong Kong Hang Seng index	8221.56	+0.78
Israel index	105.77	+0.78

Israeli stocks in NY

	Last	Change
NYSE / AMEX		
Am Is Pac	47.75	0
Ampal A	6.875	-0.25
Aryt	1.5625	+0.0625
BioTechnology	2.125	-0.125
Comsat Cont	8.125	+0.125
Rutgeron (electrochem)	5.4375	+0
Electrit	1.875	+0
Elz Lavud	7.5	+0
Elz Lavud A	6.625	-0.125
Lesser T.	5.375	+0
PEC	25.75	+0.125
Tadiran	20.125	+0.125
NASDAQ / over-the-counter		
Aladdin	8.375	+0.375
4TH. Dimension	5.375	-0.125
Ampal B.S	21	0
BVR	5.75	+0
Comverse	12.375	-0.125
Data (Delorme)	5.625	+0.125
ECI	17	+0
Edunetics	1.8125	+0.0625
Edu-Tech	7.5	+0.625
Electric Fuel	7.25	+0.375
EPPI	25	+2
Eltit	18	-0.25
Elron	7.875	-0.125
Elscint Rotbasc	0.5	-0.0625
Fibronix	0.9875	+0
M. Systems	3.875	+0
Gilat	13.75	-0.125
ISG	1.625	0
Gastek	8.75	+0.375
Health Tech	1.75	+0
Idan	0.375	-0.03125
IES	2.75	-0.0625
Indigo	16	-0.25
Interpharm	20	+0
Isratech	1.21875	-0.09375
First Isr Fund	10.875	-0.375
Iatek	0.375	-0.03125
Lannet	15.5	+0.375
Lanoptics	5.625	-0.125
Magal	9.5	+0
Metta-Al	1.75	0
Mercury	11.5	-0.1875
Magic	4.875	+0
Orbotech	7.75	-0.125
Orsap Tech	2.25	0
Radix	3.4375	+0.0625
Robomatics	-	-
Saplens	2.375	-0.03125
Scitex	17.875	-0.25
Silicom	3.375	+0.125
T.A.T. Technol	2.5	+0
Tiara Vit	6.25	+0
Telestats	5.375	+0
Telegraph	3.375	+0.125
Teva	24.5	-0.5
TVG	1.125	+0

(All listings are closing quotes)

Source: CommStock Trading Ltd. (Date 2-DEC-94)

INT'L MONEY MARKETS

Dollar crossrates (US)

		Last	Change
Pound:	spot	1.5596	-0.0062
	Dec.future (CME)	1.5606	-0.0063
D-mark:	spot	1.5805	+0.00057
	Dec.future (CME)	0.6335	-0.002
S-franc:	spot	1.3342	+0.0042
	Dec.future (CME)	0.7508	-0.0019
Yen:	spot	100.63	+1.26
	Dec.future (CME)	0.0099357	-0.0000123
CanDlr:	spot	1.3705	+0.0006
	Dec.future (CME)	0.7295	+0.0037
AusDlr:	spot	0.7704	+0.0024
	Dec.future (CME)	0.7883	+0.0016
Fr.franc:	spot	5.4237	+0.0271
It Lira:	spot	1618	+4
Nlg:	spot	1.7662	+0.0076
AustSchg:	spot	11.115	+0.02
Rand:	spot	3.5865	+0.009
ECU:	spot	1.2074	-0.0047
Bonds	future	99.4688	+1.03976
S and P	future	463.9	+4.8

Libor rates

		Last	Change
Dollar	3 months	6.375	+0.125
Dollar	6 months	6.75	+0.125
Dollar	12 months	7.4375	+0.1875
Sterling	3 months	6.3125	+0.0625
Sterling	6 months	6.75	0
Sterling	12 months	7.5	+0.0625
S-franc	3 months	4.0625	0
S-franc	6 months	4.25	0
S-franc	12 months	4.625	+0.0625
D-mark	3 months	5.3125	0
D-mark	6 months	5.375	+0.0625
D-mark	12 months	5.5625	+0.0312
Yen	3 months	2.3750	0
Yen	6 months	2.5	0
Yen	12 months	2.6875	-0.0625

(Spot market listings are from approximately 23:30 Israel time. All others are closing quotes.)

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INT'L COMMODITIES AND METALS

US commodities

	Last	Change
Cocoa (Mar) (CSC)	1238	+5
Coffee (Mar) (CSC)	191	-0.7
Sugar no.11 (Mar.) (CSC)	14.23	-0.15
Wheat (Mar) (CBOT)	391.25	+3.75
Soybeans(Jan)(CBOT)	582.75	+5
Orange juice (Jan)(CSC)	104.95	-0.65
Crude oil light (Mar)(CSC)	17.81	-0.75

London commodities

	Last	Change
Cocoa (Mar) (LCE)	986	+2
Coffee (Jan) (LCE)	2835	+8
Brent crude oil (Mar)(IPE)	1800	+6

Spot market metals (US)

		Last	Change
Gold:	spot	378.25	-3.35
Silver:	spot	4.7	-0.23

New York metal futures

	Last	Change
Gold (Feb)	379	-3.3
Silver (Mar)	4.765	-0.22
Platinum (Jan.)	400.2	-0.9
Palladium (Mar.)	155.35	+0.35
High-grade copper (Mar)	1.34	+0.0005

London metal fixes

	Last	Change
Gold AM fix	378.95	-2.25
Gold PM fix	379	-1.1
Silver fix	4.83.5	+1.4
Platinum PM fix	406.25	+0.25

Month in parentheses signals contract exp. date*

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Stocks post gains

WALL STREET REPORT

NEW YORK (AP) – Stocks posted substantial gains Friday as bond prices rallied on economic data that showed steady but non-inflationary growth in the economy.

Traders said the market was also staging a technical rebound from losses earlier this week.

Bond prices moved sharply higher, with the 30-year US Treasury bond up more than $10 per $1,000 face value and yielding 7.91 percent.

Bonds got a lift from part of a Labor Department November jobs report that showed declines in the average hourly wage and work week.

The overall report showed a gain of 350,000 jobs in non-farm payrolls in November, pushing the unemployment rate to 5.6% from 5.8% in October. Analysts had expected an increase in non-farm jobs of about 250,000, and for the unemployment rate to remain at 5.8%.

The overall jobs data showed a stronger-than expected growth in the economy, which analysts said might encourage the Federal Reserve to further tighten interest rates.

But fears of higher interest rates were softened by the wage and work-week components of the Labor Department report, as well as a drop of 0.1% in October in the government's index of leading indicators, and a 0.4-percentage point drop in factory orders in October, analysts said.

Bonds initially dipped on the jobs report but then quickly rallied, pulling stocks higher with them.

The Dow Jones average of 30 industrial stock rose 44.75 to 3,745.62.

Advancing issues outnumbered decliners by about 3 to 2 on the New York Stock Exchange, with 1,397 up, 899 down and 623 unchanged.

The NYSE's composite index rose 1.97 to 248.01. Standard and Poor's 500-stock index rose 4.38 to 453.30.

The Nasdaq composite index rose 1.93 to 743.12. At the American Stock Exchange, the market value index rose 1.27 to 452.46.

Drop may slow economy

WALL STREET WEEK

NEW YORK (AP) – This year's drop in the stock market may accomplish what six interest-rate tightenings by the Federal Reserve have apparently failed to do: Slow the economy down.

So argues inveterate market bear Michael Metz, chief investment strategist at Oppenheimer and Co., in a recent research report.

Despite the fact that blue-chip stocks have held up well, many investors have experienced a five to 10 percent drop in the value of their stock portfolios this year. Stock investors "feel poorer and they are poorer" than they were last January 1, Metz said.

They will assess their losses for the year and, alarmed about the *erosion of their net worth, put a* tight lid on discretionary spending. That in turn will finally put the brakes on a seemingly unstoppable *economy, he said.*

"The decline in stock values – and the drop already seen in the bond market this year – is expected to have a tangible wealth effect on householders who now have their highest exposure in decades to stocks and bonds as a percentage of their assets," Metz writes in a November 23 report entitled, *Will the Stock Market do the Fed's Work?*

"The result ..." Metz writes, "is a slowdown in personal consumption spending generally in 1995, and a growth recession by the second quarter of 1995."

Metz turns on its head the conventional wisdom that Federal Reserve credit tightenings should, by themselves, slow the economy down.

FTSE ends lower

WORLD MARKET ROUNDUP

LONDON (Reuter) – British shares finished lower in nervous trade, plagued by fears that the US needed to raise interest rates again soon. The FTSE 100 ended at 3,017.3, down 22.3 points from the close on Thursday and 16.2 points from the close a week ago.

FRANKFURT – German shares closed dull floor trading down, unable to break out of a tight seven-point range before Friday's US employment data release.

The 30-share DAX Index ends floor trade down 8.08 at 2,038.51, a fall of 13.11 on last week. In post-bourse trading the Dax stood at 2,042.38, down 3.16.

ZURICH – Swiss shares recovered from earlier lows to close little changed in slack trade. Dealers said the dollar and bond futures, which both traded firmer after the release of US jobs data, led to improved sentiment late in the session. The Broad SPI closed down 0.48 points to 1,696.99, a slight rise of 0.97 on the week.

TOKYO – Tokyo stocks closed easier after subdued trade as many investors retreated to the sidelines ahead of the US November jobs data. The Nikkei average closed down 15.30 points at 18,998.30, a rise of 331.37 on last week.

Dollar breaches 100-yen mark

CURRENCY REPORT

LONDON (AP) – The US dollar rose against most major currencies Friday and breached the 100-yen mark for the first time in seven weeks.

The surge followed release of better-than-expected employment data, which heightened expectations of another rise in short-term interest rates.

The US Labor Department announced the unemployment rate down two-tenths of a percent in November to the lowest level in four years. A total of 350,000 new workers were added to the nation's non-farm payroll.

"The implication is that US rates will go up again in January or February," said Stewart Frost, an analyst at Natwest Markets in London.

In Tokyo, the dollar closed at 99.58 yen, up 0.57 yen from Thursday's close. Later in London, the dollar was quoted at 100.36 yen, compared with 99.35 yen late Thursday.

Other dollar rates compared with late Thursday: 1.5763 German marks, up from 1.5743, and the British pound was at $1.5605, down from $1.5655 late Thursday.

Gold in London closed at $379.00 per ounce, down from $379.75 from late Thursday.

ISRAEL MONEY MARKETS

Patah (foreign currency deposit rates) (30.11.94)

Currency (deposit for:)	3 MONTHS	6 MONTHS	12 MONTHS
U.S. dollar ($250,000)	5.375	5.750	6.500
Pound sterling (£100,000)	4.625	5.000	5.750
German mark (DM 200,000)	4.250	4.375	4.625
Swiss franc (SF 200,000)	2.875	3.125	3.500
Yen (10 million yen)	0.750	0.875	1.125

(Rates vary higher or lower than indicated according to deposit)

Shekel Foreign Exchange Rates* (2.12.94)

	CHECKS AND TRANSFERS Buy	Sell	BANKNOTES Buy	Sell	Rep. Rates**
Currency basket	3.3310	3.3780	—	—	3.3557
U.S. dollar	2.9995	3.0416	2.94	3.08	3.0250
German mark	1.9032	1.9301	1.87	1.95	1.9208
Pound sterling	4.7032	4.7695	4.80	4.82	4.7397
French franc	0.5580	0.5688	0.54	0.57	0.5601
Japanese yen (100)	3.0131	3.0555	2.95	3.09	3.0349
Dutch florin	1.7020	1.7260	1.67	1.75	1.7161
Swiss franc	2.2570	2.2888	2.21	2.32	2.2741
Swedish krona	0.3964	0.4020	0.39	0.41	0.4005
Norwegian krone	0.4379	0.4441	0.43	0.45	0.4413
Danish krone	0.4874	0.4943	0.48	0.50	0.4912
Finnish mark	0.6136	0.6223	0.60	0.63	0.6181
Canadian dollar	2.1784	2.2071	2.13	2.23	2.1959
Australian dollar	2.3003	2.3328	2.24	2.37	2.3224
S. African rand	0.8417	0.8536	0.74	0.86	0.8488
Belgian franc (10)	0.9268	0.9398	0.91	0.95	0.9340
Austrian schilling (10)	2.7044	2.7426	2.65	2.78	2.7287
Italian lira (1000)	1.8556	1.8817	1.81	1.92	1.8702
Jordanian dinar	—	—	4.17	4.43	4.3106
Egyptian pound	—	—	0.86	0.91	0.8880
ECU	3.7330	3.6842	—	—	3.6666
Irish punt	4.6132	4.6783	4.51	4.79	4.6541
Spanish peseta (100)	2.2831	2.3153	2.22	2.37	2.3010

* These rates vary according to bank. — Bank of Israel.

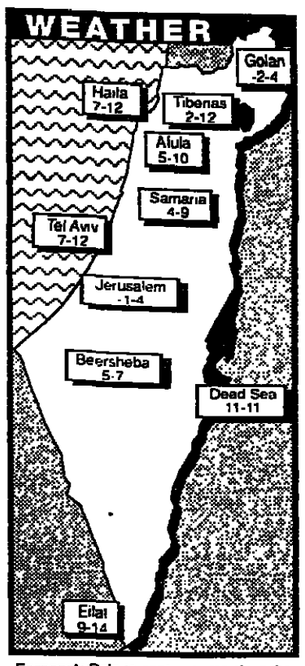
SOURCE: BANK LEUMI

INTERNATIONAL STOCK PRICES

Name	Price	chg

NEW YORK

A&P Inc	70.875	-0.75
AMR Corp	51.375	+0.75
ASA	41.75	-1.25
Abbot Labs	31.25	+0.375
Acme Cleveland	11.625	+0.75
Advanced Micro	25	+0.125
Aetna Life	44.875	+0.125
Affiliated Publ	8.75	0
Aflac	33.875	-0.375
Ahmanson (HF)	18.375	+0.125
Air Prods	44	-0.375
Alberto-Culv B	28.125	+0.375
Albertson's	28.75	+0.75
Alcan Aluminum	25.125	-0.5
Alco Standard	55.75	+0.75
Alex & Alex	18.75	-0.125
Alleghany Power	21.75	+0
Allied Signal	33	+0.25
Alcoa	60	+1.125
Amax	26.25	+0.625
Amdahl Corp	9.625	+0
Amerada Hess	44.875	+0.25
Amer Brands	35	+0
Amer Cyanamid	-	-
Amer El Power	32.75	+0.25
Amer Express	29.875	+0.125
Amer Gen Corp	28.875	+0.375
Amer Greetng	27.25	-0.125
Amer Home Pr	65.375	+0.375
Amer Int'l	93.375	+1.375
Amer Nat Ins	47	-0.5
Amer Stores	29.625	+0.625
Amer T & T	49.375	-0.5
Ameritech	58.375	+0.125
Ameritek Inc	17.875	+0.25
Amoco	60.625	+0
Amstg Devices	33.125	+0.875
Anheuser-Busch	50.625	+1
Aon Corp	32	+0.25
Apple Computer	56.5625	+0.375
Archer Daniels	28	+0.125
Ardia	-	-
Armco	6.125	-0.125
Armstrong World	39.375	+0.625
Asarco	26.375	-0.75
Ashland Oil	33.875	+0.875
Atlantic Richfld	102.875	+0.25
Auto Data Pro	55	+0.375
Autodesk	37	+0.5
Avery Dennison	32.625	-0.25
Avnet Inc	34.875	+0.25
Avon Products	61	+0.375
Balmoo Corp	4.5	+0.125
Baker Hughes	18.625	+0.5
Ball Corp	28.625	+0.625
Bally	6.25	+0
Baltimore Gas	23	+0.375
Banc One Corp	28.625	-0.125
Bandag	59.25	+0.5
BankAmerica	41.25	+1.1875
Bank of Boston	28.25	-0.125
Bank of New Yk	27.25	+0
Bankers Trst NY	66.125	+0.375
Barnett Banks	39.375	+0.375
Battle Mount Gd	8.625	+0.5
Bausch & Lomb	33.5	+0.5
Baxter Int	25.375	-0.25
Becton Dickinson	47	+0.5
Bell Atlantic	60.375	+1.375
Bell Industries	21.5	-0.625
BellSouth	51.625	+0
VA Belo Corp	51.625	+0
Beneficial Corp	36	-0.25
Bethlehem Steel	17.5	+0.125
Beverly Enprs	14.375	+0.25
Black & Decker	24	+0.25
Boeing	48.375	+0.375
Boise Cascade	23.875	+0.125
Borden Inc	13.875	+0.5
Bowater Inc	24.25	+0.375
Briggs & Stratn	34.375	+0.25
Bristol Myer Sqb	57.875	+0.125
Brit Airwy ADR	26.125	-1.125
BP ADR	76.125	-0.125
Brit Steel ADR	24.25	-0.125
Brit Telecomm	67.875	-0.625
Broadway Stores	-	-1
Brooklyn Union	23	+0.75
Brown Group	31.625	+0.125
Brown & Sharpe	8.75	+0
Browning Ferris	28.375	+1.25
Brunswick	17.75	+0.125
Burlington Nthn	49.75	+1
CBI Indy	33	+1.125
CBS Inc	95.125	-0.125
CMS Energy Corp	22.375	+0
CPC Intern	61.625	+0.5
CSX Corporation	66.375	+0.25
Cabot Corp	38	+0.125
Campbell Soup	42	-0.25
Capital Cts ABC	82	+0.75
Carolina Pwr Lt	28.5	+0.125
Carpenter Tech	64	-0.125
Caterpillar	63.375	+0.625
Centerior Energy	8.875	+0
Centex Corp	20.75	+0.125
Central & SW	21.5	+0.25
Ceridian	28	+0.25
Champion Int	34.25	-0.125
Chesp Shoppers	8.625	-0.25
Chase Manhattan	35.375	+0.125
Chemical Bkg	37.375	+0.75
Chevron Corp	42.5	-0.375
Chiquita Brands	13	+0
Chrysler	48.75	+1
Chubb Corp	71.625	+1.875
Cincnnti Gas & Elec	41.125	+0.375
Cincnnti Milacron	58.75	+1.75
Circuit City Stores	34.375	+0.25
Citicorp	91.375	+0.25
Clark Equipment	58.75	+1.75
Clevlnd Clifs	34.375	+0.25
Clorox	59.5	+0.75
Coastal Corp	26.125	+0.25
Coca Cola	61.5	+1
Coca Cola Ent	18.5	-0.125
Colgate Palmolv	59.875	+0.375
Comcast Corp A	16.75	+0.375
Compaq	40.125	+1.375
Compute Ass Int	44.75	-0.125
Computer Sci	49.5	+0.625
Comsys	21	+0.25
Conn Edison	25.875	+0.5
Cons Freightways	18.625	+0.125
Cons Nat Gas	34.75	+0
Cons Rail	51.375	+0.375
Consl Corp	14.25	+0.5
Cooper Inds	34.75	+1
Coors (Adolph)	16	-0.125
Corning Inc	30	+0
Crane	28.375	+0.25
Cray Research	18.25	+0.25
Crown Cork Seal	37.375	+1
Cummins Engine	43.875	+0.5
Curtiss-Wright	35	+0.25
Cypress Semicon	22.625	+0.875
Cyprus Mineral	26.25	+0.875
DSC Commun	29.875	+0.875
DQE	29.625	-0.125
Dana Corp	21.75	+0.25
Data General	10.5	+0
Dayton Hudson	60	+0
De Beers	21.25	+0
Deere	60	-0.125
Delta Pwr & L	18.375	+0.25
Delta Air Lines	46.5	+0.375
Deluxe Corp	28.75	-0.375
Detroit Edison	25.875	+0.625
Dial Corp Del	21.375	+0.875
Diebold Inc	42.75	+0.75
Digital Equip	33.375	+1.125
Dillard Dep St	27.875	-0.25
Disney (Walt)	43.5	+0.875
Donalson Lufk	36.875	+0
Donnelley (RR)	29.5	+0.625
Dover Corp	51	-0.25
Dow Chemicals	64.125	+0.125
Dow Jones	39	+0.125
Dresser	19.625	-0.125
Duke Power	40.875	-0.25
Dun & Bradst	52.875	+0.375
Du Pont	54.375	+1.5
E G & G Corp	14.875	+0.125
E-Systems	37.875	+0.875
Eastern Ents	25.625	+0.25
Eastman Kodak	48.375	+0.375
Eaton Corp	49.625	-0.25
Echlin Inc	33.75	+0.375
Emerson Elec	59	+1.25
Engelhard Corp	22.25	-0.25
Enron Corp	28	+0.125
Ensarch Corp	12.375	+0.125
Entergy Corp	22.75	-0.125
Envi Corp	10	+0
Exxon	60.375	+0
FMC Corp	68.5	+0
FPL Group	35.25	+0.25
Fedders Corp	6.25	+0
Federated Dept	25.875	-0.375
Federal Mogul	20.125	+0
Fed Nat Mtge	72	+1.25
Federal Pac Bd	26.5	+0.125
Fieldcrest Can	26.5	+0.625
First Bank Sys	33.125	+0
First Chicago	46.375	+0.5
First Fid Bcorp	44.75	+0.5
First Interst	69.375	+0.25
Fst Mississpp	21.625	+0.125
Fst Union Fla	63	+0.25
First Pwr Grp	31.375	+0.25
Fleetwd Enterp	19.625	+0.375
Fleming Cos Dr	22.75	+0.25
Florida Prog	30.125	+0.5
Fluor Corp	43	+0.125
Food Lion Inc	5.8875	+0.0938
Ford Motor	22.25	+0.25
Foster Wheeler	28.75	+0
Freeport McMor	17	+0
GATX Corp	39.875	+0
Geico Corp	50	+0.25
GTE Corp	30.25	-0.125
Gannett	47.25	+0.25
Gap Inc Del	32.875	+0.5
Gelcorp	10.25	-0.125
Gen Am Invest	19.375	+0.125
Gen Dynamics	40.625	+0.875
Gen Electric	47.125	+1.5
Gen Mills	54.25	+0.5
Gen Motors	36.625	+1
Gen Motors H	36.25	-0.5
Gen Motor Pr	59	-0.125
Gen Public Ut	25.875	+0.5
Gen Reinsurance	118.5	+1.5
Gen Signal	33.5	-0.75
Genuine Parts	34.75	-0.125
Georgia Pac	70.875	-0.125
Gerber Products	-	-
Gillette	71.875	-0.125
Glaxo ADR	19.125	+0.125
Golden W Finl	34.75	+0.5
Goodrich (BF)	44.5	+0.375
Goodyear Tire	33.75	+0.375
Grace (WR)	36.875	+0.875
Grainger (WW)	52	-0.25
Grt Atl Pac Tea	16.5	+1.25
Grt Western Finl	10.75	+0.25
Grow Group	12.75	+0
Halliburton	34.25	-0.125
Harnis (MA)	22.625	+0.125
Harcourt	54	-0.25
Harley Davidson	28.75	-0.5
Harnischfeger	28.375	+0
Harris Corp	39.5	+0.375
Harsco Corp	40.125	+0.625
Hartmarx	5.375	+0.125
Hasbro	23.625	-0.25
Hecla Mining	9.75	-0.125
Heinz (HJ)	36.625	-0.75
Hercul & Payne	37.25	-0.125
Hercules	113.875	+0.625
Hershey Foods	47	-0.25
Hewlett Packard	97.25	+2.125
Hilton Hotels	70.25	+2.125
Home Depot	46.625	+0.5
Homestake	17	+0
Honeywell	29.375	+0.125
Hormel (Geo)	24.625	-0.125
Household Int	39.25	-0.25
Houston Inds	34.25	+0.375
Humana	21.625	-0.875
IBM	71.375	+1.875
Illinova Corp	30.125	+0
Illinois Tool	41.5	+0.375
INCO	26.25	+1.375
Ingersoll Rand	31.75	+0
Inland Steel	32.625	+0.375
Intel Corp	62.875	+0.25
Intergraph	8.125	+0.125
Interlake	1.75	+0
Intl Fmly Enrs	13.5	-0.125
Intl Flav & Fr	44.625	+0.75
Intl Multifoods	16.25	-0.125
Intl Paper	70.875	+0.25
Interpublic	31	+0
ITT Corp	80.125	-3.125
James River Va	21	+0
Jefferson Pil	50.625	+0.125
Johnson & J	53.75	+0.25
K Mart	14	-0.25
Kellogg	59.375	+0.875
Kennametal	25.125	+0.375
Kerr-McGee	48.75	+1
KeyCorp	34.25	+0.125
Kimberly-Clark	48.375	+0.25
King World Prod	34	-0.25
Knight Ridder	47.625	+0.375
Kroger	23.875	-0.125
LSI Logic	40.875	-0.375
Lagget & Platt	34.625	-0.125
Lasalle Nat'l	45.375	+0.75
Lilly (Eli)	61.75	-0.5
Limited Inc	20	+0.5
LIN Broadcasting	142.5	-0.25
Lincoln Nat	38.375	-0.375
Litton	34.25	+0
Liz Claiborne	22.5	+0.125
Lockheed Corp	68.875	+0.5
Loews Corp	97.25	+0
Lone Star	16.5	-0.25
Long Island Lt	18.75	+0.125
Longs Drug Sts	31.375	+0.25
Lotus Corp	39.25	-0.625
Louisiana Land	45.25	+1
Louisiana Pacif	40.125	+0.125
Lowes Co Inc	27.625	+0.625
Lubrizol	28.125	+0.5
MA Comm Inc	30.25	-0.375
MCI Commun	19.25	-0.25
Macy Corp	33.875	+1.125
Manville Corp	9	+0.125
Mapco Inc	60.75	+0.5
Marion Merrell	22	-0.25
Marriott	36.625	+0.125
Mryn & McLn	73.125	+1.375
Martin Marietta	158	+1
Marvel	14.25	+0.25
Masco Corp	32	+0.125
Massmutual Corp	32.125	-0.125
Mattel Inc	27.25	+0.75
Maxus Energy	3.875	+0.125
May Dept St	35	-0.25
Maytag Corp	14.625	+0
McDermott	24.125	+0.375
McDonalds	39.375	+0.25
McDonnel Dglas	140.75	+1.5
McGraw Hill	67.375	-0.25
McKesson Corp	107	0
Mead Corp	55.875	+0.375
Medtronic	58.75	+1.25
Mellon Bk	52.875	+0.375
Melville Corp	31	+0
Mentor Graphics	13.5	+0.375
Mercantile Sts	39.375	-0.125
Merck Inc	37.75	+1
Meredith Corp	48.875	+0.125
Merill Lynch	39.375	-0.125
Microsoft Corp	88.25	+0.6875
Millipore	48.375	+1
Mine Safety App	45	0
Minnesota Mine	51.625	+0.875
Mitchell Energy	16	+0.25
Mobil Corp	84.125	-0.75
Molex Inc	31	+0.25
Monarch Mach	9.125	0
Monsanto	72.5	+1.25
Morgan (JP)	99	+0.25
Morrison-Knudsn	15	+0.25
Mortin Intl	27.75	+0.5
Motorola Inc	57.25	+1.125
Multimedia Inc	29	+0.375
Murphy Oil	45.25	+0.875
Nacco Inds	62.125	+0.625
Nalco Chemical	32	+0.25
Nashua Corp	21.25	+0.125
Nat Comp Corp	25	+0.25
Nat'l Intergrp	-	-
Nat Medcl Ent	13.75	-0.125
Nat Semi	17.75	+0.375
Nat Serv Ind	25.875	+0.375
NatWest Bank	48	+0.25
Navistar Int	13.375	-0.125
NBD Bancorp	27.75	-0.125
Network Systems	7.5	+0
Neutrogena Corp	-	-
New England El	30.5	+0.125
News Corp	16.625	+0.375
NY State El Gas	18.75	+0.25
NY Times A	23.625	+0.125
Newmont Mining	38.25	+0
Nicor Inc	24.125	+0.5
Nike Inc	64.375	+0.75
NL Industries	11	+0.375
Noble Affil	28.25	+0.375
Nordstrom	45.5	+0.875
Norfolk Southrn	62.25	+1.125
Northeast Util	21.25	+0
Nthn State Pwr	45.375	+0.75
Northrop	40.75	+0
Norwest Corp	22	+0.875
Nynex Corp	37.5	+0.375
Occidental Pet	18.5	+0.25
Ogden Corp	18.125	+0
Ohio Casualty	29	+0.25
Ohio Edison	18.25	+0.125
Olin Corp	60.375	+0
Omnicom Group	51.375	-0.125
Oneida Inc	17.125	+0
Oracle Systems	40.4375	-0.3125
Orix Energy Co	12	+0
Oshkosh B'gosh	14	+0.25
Outboard Marine	18.625	-0.125
Overseas Ship	20.75	-0.125
Owens Corning	28.625	+0.125
PHH Group	34.125	-0.125
PNC Financial	20.875	+0.5
PPG Industries	38.875	+0.625
PSI Hldgs	-	-
Paccar Inc	41.75	+0.75
Pacificorp	23.75	+0.25
Pac Enterprises	21	+0.5
Pac Gas & Elec	24.125	+0.5
Pac Telesis	28.625	+0.25
Pall Corp	18	+0.375
Penn Eastern	20.875	+0
Parker Drilling	4.75	-0.25
Parker Hannifin	43.875	+0.25
Pearnley(JC)	42.875	+0.375
Pennsyl Pwr Lt	19.875	+0.25
Pennzoil	47.625	+0
Peoples Energy	24.5	+0
Pepsico	38.875	+0.75
Perkin El



Forecast: Rain to continue, mainly in the center and in the south. Hail & snow in mountain regions.
Rain to stop, tomorrow.

AROUND THE WORLD

	LOW C	LOW F	HIGH C	HIGH F	
Amsterdam	06	43	08	46	clear
Berlin	04	39	09	48	clear
Buenos Aires	16	61	24	75	rain
Cairo	09	48	17	63	cloudy
Chicago	08	46	12	54	cloudy
Copenhagen	01	34	05	41	cloudy
Frankfurt	-01	30	04	39	clear
Geneva	04	39	06	43	clear
Helsinki	-05	23	03	37	cloudy
Hong Kong	21	70	22	72	rain
Jo'burg	11	52	26	79	clear
Lisbon	08	46	16	61	clear
London	10	50	14	57	cloudy
Los Angeles	10	50	21	70	rain
Madrid	06	46	21	70	cloudy
Moscow	-03	27	-01	30	cloudy
New York	07	45	13	55	clear
Paris	06	43	09	48	p/cloudy
Rome	07	45	13	55	clear
Stockholm	-03	27	05	41	cloudy
Sydney	17	63	22	72	clear
Tokyo	10	50	16	61	cloudy
Toronto	02	36	10	50	cloudy
Vienna	-03	27	01	34	clear

CRITIC'S CHOICE

HANUKKA

HELEN KAYE

PHEW! If the kids can get up that early, there are two morning performances of *Festigal '94*, featuring top songs like "Little Prince," top stars such as Ethnix, glitz, glamor and all. At Tel Aviv's Mann Auditorium today and tomorrow at 9 and 11:45 a.m., 2:30, 5 and 7:30 p.m; Tuesday at 4 and 7 p.m.

DOROTHY (Michal Yanai), Tin Man (Adam), Cowardly Lion (Tzahi Noy) and the Scarecrow (Sa'ar Ben-Yosef) are all on their way to visit the Wizard (Arik Lavie) – of Oz, natch – in this all new, breezy and environmentally friendly musical written and directed by Uri Paster, with music and lyrics by Yaron Kafkafi. The show continues today at the Tel Aviv Cinerama starting at 9 a.m., and all week. (see Poster)

THEATER

HELEN KAYE

JUPITER is the spoiler in *Amphitryon*, the hit comedy by third century Roman playwright Plautus. The god disguises himself as General Amphitryon, uses his powers to prolong the night, and has a great time with Mrs. A, who thinks Jupiter is her hubby. It all comes right in the end in this Tel Aviv University production directed by Ruth Kanner. In Gilman Hall on campus at 2 p.m.

CLASSICAL MUSIC

MICHAEL AJZENSTADT

THE Meet the 21st Century ensemble, comprised mainly of members of the Jerusalem Symphony Orchestra, *performs tonight at the Jerusalem* Music Center and tomorrow at the Israel Music Conservatory in Tel Aviv under the baton of Paul Mefano. On the program are Toru Takemitsu's *Rain-spell*, Stravinsky's *Epitaph* and his Three Japanese Lyrics, Mefano's own *Estampes Japonaises*, Morton Feldman's *Madam Press Died Last Week at 90* and Thomas Marco's *Divanes y Qasidas*. Guest soloists include soprano Lili Tune and pianist Ora Rotem, the latter playing Mordechai Seter's 1982 piano sonata. At 8:30.

THE Israel Chamber Orchestra season continues with French pianist/conductor Jean Bernard Pommier playing Beethoven's First Piano Concerto, and leading the orchestra in works by Mozart, Mendelssohn and Faure. Tonight, tomorrow and Wednesday at the Tel Aviv Museum and Saturday at the Haifa Auditorium at 8:30.

EXHIBITION

MICHAEL AJZENSTADT

AMONG several new exhibitions at the Museum of Photography at the Tel-Hai Industrial Park is one featuring works by 19th-century photographer Mendel Diness, the first to work in Jerusalem. Diness later moved to the US. His photographs were believed lost and were discovered four years ago in a garage sale in Minnesota.

Other exhibitions feature the works of Deborah Hammond from San Francisco, Italy's Claudio Marcozzi, and doyen of Hungary's photographers, Istvan Toth.

TELEVISION

PENNY STARR

THE Shilon brothers rule the roost at Reshet. Yigal finds more bloopers and tricks to play on innocent Israelis, and viewers send in their wackiest home videos in the hope of winning the big prize of a car at the end of the season.

Candid Camera starts at 8:45 on Channel 2. Then Dan hosts his popular talk show at 9:30.

WHERE TO GO

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TEL AVIV

Conducted Tours

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HAIFA

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Tel Aviv: Ben-Yehuda, 142 Ben-Yehuda, 5223535; Kupat Holim Clalit, 7-9 Amsterdam, 5232383. Till 3 a.m. Monday: Ben-Yehuda, 142 Ben-Yehuda, 5223535. Till midnight: Superpharm Ramat Aviv, 40 Einstein, 6413730.

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Netanya: Kupat Holim Clalit (till midnight) 8 Raziel, 603549; (after midnight) 31 Brodetzky, 628121.

Krayot area: Harman, 4 Simtat Modi'in, Kiryat Motzkin, 707770/3.

Haifa: Derech Hayam, 209 Derech Hayam, 371472.

Herzliya: Clal Pharm, Beit Merkazim, 6 Maskit (cnr. Sderot Hagalim), Herzliya Pituah, 558472, 558407. Open 9 a.m. to midnight.

Upper Nazareth: Clal Pharm, Lev Ha'ir Mall, 570468. Open 9 a.m. to 10 p.m.

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Tel Aviv: Tel Aviv Medical Center (pediatrics), Ichilov (internal, surgery).

Netanya: Laniado.

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FIRE 102
FIRST AID 101

Magen David Adom
In emegencies dial 101 (Hebrew) or 911 (English) in most parts of the country. In addition:

Ashdod* 551333	Karmiel* 988555
Ashkelon 551332	Kfar Sava* 902222
Bat Yam* 5511111	Kiron 9311111
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Wizo hotlines for battered women 02-514111, 03-5461133 (also in Russian), 07-376310, 08-550506 (also in Amharic).

Rape Crisis Center (24 hours), Tel Aviv 5234819, 5449191 (men), Jerusalem 514455, Haifa 660111, Eilat 31977.

The National Poison Control Center at Rambam Hospital 04-529205, for emergency calls 24 hours a day, for information in case of poisoning.

Emergency dental clinic (24 hours) 02-632303.

Emergency dental clinic (24 hours inc. holidays) 03-6968840, 050-318777.

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CINEMA

JERUSALEM

CINEMATHEQUE **Wir Wunderkinder** 7 ★ **Golem (÷ lecture)** 9 ★ **The Sting** 9:30 G.G. GIL **Jerusalem Mall (Malha)** ☎ 788448 **Forrest Gump** 4, 7, 9:45 ★ **Timecop** 11 a.m., 1:30, 4:30, 7, 9:15, 11:30 ★ **Natural Born Killers** 9:15, 11:30 ★ **The Shadow** 11 a.m., 1:30, 4:30, 7 ★ **Clear and Present Danger** 7:15, 10 ★ **Getting Even With Dad•The Flintstones** 11 a.m., 1:30, 4:30 ★ **The Specialist** 4:30, 7, 9:15, 11:30 ★ **Thumbelina** 11 a.m., 1:30 ★ **The Client** 9:30 ★ **Into the West** 11 a.m., 1:30, 4:30, 7 ★ **The Real McCoy** 11 a.m., 1:30, 4:30, 7, 9:15, 11:30 JERUSALEM THEATER **Strawberry and Chocolate** 7 ★ **Germinal** 9 ★ **The Flying Camel•Reality Bites•Priscilla** 5, 7:30, 9:30 ★ **True Lies** 7:30, 9:45 ★ **Baby's Day Out•The Lion King (Hebrew dialogue)•Monkey Trouble Ace Ventura •The Mask** 11 a.m., 1, 3, 5 ★ **Pulp Fiction** 7 ★ **Gilbert Grape•The Siren's Song•The Color of the Night•Four Weddings and a Funeral** 7:30, 9:45 ★ **It Could Happen To You** 5, 7:30, 9:45 ★ **Angel** 11 a.m., 1:15, 4:45 RON 1-2 ☎ 234704 1 Rabbi Akiva St. **Miracle on 34th Street** 10:45 a.m., 5 ★ **It Could Happen to You** 10:45 a.m., 5, 7:30, 9:30 ★ **Burnt By the Sun** 7, 9:30

TEL AVIV

RAV-CHEN ☎ 5282288 **Dizengoff Center Pulp Fiction** 1:30, 4:15, 7, 9:45 ★ **The Color of the Night** 7:30, 9:45★ **The Siren's Song** 7:30, 9:45★ **I Love Trouble** 7:30, 9:45★ **Angel** 11 a.m., 1, 3:15, 5:30, 7:30, 9:45★ **Miracle on 34th Street** 11 a.m. ★ **The Lion King (Hebrew dialogue)** 11 a.m., 1, 3, 5:15 ★ **The Mask** 11 a.m., 1, 3, 5 ★ **Baby's Day Out** 11 a.m., 1, 3, 5 DEKEL ☎ 5443200 94 Yehuda Hamaccabi St. **It Could Happen to You** 9:45 DIZENGOFF 1-3 ☎ 200485 Dizengoff Center **Gilbert Grape** 11 a.m., 1, 3, 5:15, 7:30, 9:45 ★ **True Romance** 2, 9:45 ★ **Into the West** 11 a.m., 1, 3, 5:15, 7:30, 9:45 ★ **Burnt By the Sun** 11 a.m., 4:15, 7 **DRIVE IN True Lies** 10 ★ **Sex Film** 12 midnight GAN HA'IR **Priscilla** 5, 7:30, 9:45 GAT **Four Weddings and a Funeral** 4:45, 7:15, 9:45 GORDON **The Woman Who Made Sesame Oil** 6, 8 ★ **The Diary of Nani Moretti** 10 G.G. HOD 1–4 ☎ 5228090 Hod Passage, 101 Dizengoff St. **Forrest Gump** 11 a.m., 1:45, 4:30, 7:15, 10★ **True Lies** 4:30, 7:15, 10★ **The Flintstones** 11 a.m., 1:30 ★ **Priscilla** 7:30, 10 ★ **Thumbelina** 11 a.m., 1:30, 4:30 ★ **The Shadow** 11 a.m., 1:30, 4:30, 7:30, 10★ **Naked** 2, 10 ★ **Raining Stones** 12 noon, 6 ★ **The Flying Camel** 2, 4, 8, 10 ★ **Ladybird** 2, 4, 6, 8 ★ **Life Time** 12:15, 2:30, 5, 7:30, 10 MAXIM **Speed** 5, 7:15, 9:30 RAV-OR 1-5 ☎ 5102674° **Opera House Serial Mom•The Siren's Song•Sirens•I Love Trouble** 5, 7:30, 9:45 ★ **The Lion King (English dialogue)** 7:30, 9:45 ★ **The Lion King (Hebrew dialogue)** 5 G.G. SHAHAF 1-2 ☎ 5271645 Kikar Namir **Forrest Gump** 4:30, 7:15, 10 ★ **The Client** 5, 7:30, 10 G.G. TAYELET 1-3 ☎ 5177952 2 Yona Hanavi St., **The Client•The Specialist** 5, 7:30, 10 ★ **Clear and Present Danger** 4:30, 7:15, 10 G.G. TEL AVIV ☎ 5281181 65 Pinsker St. **The Real McCoy•The Specialist•Timecop** 11:30 a.m., 5, 7:30, 10 TEL AVIV MUSEUM ☎ 6961297 27 Shaul Hamelekh Boulevard **The House of Angels** 5, 7:30, 10 ZAFON **Germinal** 4, 7, 9:45

HAIFA

CINEMA CAFÉ AMAMI ☎ 325755 **Speed** 7:15, 9:15 ★ **Clear and Present Danger** 7, 9:15 ATZMON 1-5 ☎ 673003 **Timecop•The Specialist•The Real McCoy** 4:30, 7, 9:15 ★ **Forrest Gump** 4:15, 6:45, 9:15 ★ **The Shadow** 4:30, 7, 9:30 CINEMA CAFÉ MORIAH ☎ 242477 **Priscilla** 7:30, 9:30 ORLY **Gilbert Grape** 7, 9:15 PANORAMA 1-3 ☎ 382020 **Getting Even With Dad** 11 a.m., 4:30 ★ **Into the West** 11 a.m., 4:30, 7 ★ **The Client** 7, 9:30 ★ **True Lies** 11 a.m., 4:15 ★ **Germinal** 9:15 RAV-GAT 1-2 ☎ 674311 **Pulp Fiction** 6:45, 9:30 ★ **It Could Happen To You** 7, 9:15 ★ **The Lion King (Hebrew dialogue)•Monkey Trouble** 11 a.m., 5 RAV-MOR 1-7 ☎ 416899/8 **Four Weddings and a Funeral•The Color of the Night•The Siren's Song•I Love Trouble•Gilbert Grape** 7, 9:30 ★ **It Could Happen To You** 11 a.m., 4:45, 7, 9:30 ★ **When a Man Loves a Woman** 9:30 ★ **Angel** 11 a.m., 1:15, 4:45, 7 ★ **Monkey Trouble•Mr. Nanny•The Lion King (Hebrew dialogue)** 11 a.m., 1, 3, 5 RAV-OR 1-3 ☎ 246553 **The Siren's Song•The Color of the Night** 7:15, 9:30 ★ **Four Weddings and a Funeral** 9:30 ★ **The Mask** 11 a.m., 1:30, 4:45 ★ **Angels** 11 a.m., 1:30, 4:45, 7 ★ **Baby's Day Out** 11 a.m., 1:30, 4:45

ARAD

STAR **The Specialist** 5, 7:15, 9:45 ★ **Iron Will** 11 a.m. ★ **Angel of Desire** 9:45 ★ **Thumbelina** 11 a.m. ★ **I Love Trouble** 5, 7:30 ★ **Priscilla** 5, 7:15, 9:30 ★ **Miracle on 34th Street** 11 a.m.

ASHDOD

G.G. GIL **Forrest Gump** 7, 9:45 ★ **The Specialist** 5, 7:15, 9:45 ★ **Four Weddings and a Funeral** 7:15, 9:45 ★ **Timecop** 11 a.m., 1:30, 5, 7:15, 9:45 ★ **Thumbelina** 11 a.m., 1:30 ★ **The Shadow** 11 a.m., 1:30, 4:30 ★ **Baby's Day Out** 11 a.m., 1:30, 5 ★ **The Real McCoy** 11 a.m., 1:30, 5, 7:15, 9:45

ASHKELON

G.G. GIL **The Real McCoy** 11 a.m., 1:30, 5, 7:15, 9:45 ★ **Timecop** 11 a.m., 1:30, 5, 7:15, 9:45 ★ **The Specialist** 5, 7:15, 9:45 ★ **Thumbelina** 11 a.m., 1:30 ★ **Natural Born Killers** 7:15, 9:45 ★ **Getting Even With Dad** 11 a.m., 1:30, 5 ★ **Forrest Gump** 4, 7, 9:45 ★ **The Shadow** 11 a.m., 1:30 RAV CHEN 1-5 ☎ 711223 **It Could Happen To You** 11 a.m., 5, 7:30, 9:45 ★ **The Siren's Song•The Color of the Night** 7:30, 9:45 ★ **Pulp Fiction** 7, 9:45 ★ **Four Weddings and a Funeral** 9:45 ★ **The Mask•The Lion King (Hebrew dialogue)•Baby's Day Out** 11 a.m., 5 ★ **Angels** 11 a.m., 5, 7:15

BAT YAM

RAV CHEN ☎ 5531077 **Angels** 7:15, 9:45 ★ **Timecop** 11 a.m., 1:15, 5, 7:30, 9:45 ★ **The Color of the Night** 7:30, 9:45 ★ **The Specialist** 7:30, 9:45 ★ **Forrest Gump** 7, 9:45 ★ **I Love Trouble** 7:15, 9:45 ★ **Angels** 11 a.m., 1:15, 5 ★ **The Lion King (Hebrew dialogue)** 11 a.m., 1, 5 ★ **Baby's Day Out•The Mask** 11 a.m., 1:15, 5 ★ **The Shadow** 11 a.m., 5 ★ **The Real McCoy** 5, 7:15, 9:45

BEERSHEBA

RAV-NEGEV 1-4 ☎ 235278 **The Color of the Night** 7:30, 9:45 ★ **The Siren's Song** 9:45 ★ **The Mask•The Lion King (Hebrew dialogue)•Baby's Day Out** 11 a.m., 1, 5 ★ **Four Weddings and a Funeral•It Could Happen To You** 7:30, 9:45 ★ **Angels** 11 a.m., 1:15, 5, 7:30 ★ **The Specialist** 5, 7:15, 9:45 ★ **The Shadow** 11 a.m., 1:30, 5 ★ **Timecop** 11 a.m., 1:30, 5, 7:15, 9:45 ★ **Natural Born Killers** 7:15, 9:45 ★ **The Flintstones•Thumbelina** 11 a.m., 1:30

HADERA

LEV 1-4 ☎ 343555 **The Color of the Night** 7:30, 10 ★ **Four Weddings and a Funeral** 11 a.m., 5, 7:15, 9:30 ★ **Forrest Gump** 7, 9:45 ★ **Miracle on 34th Street** 11 a.m., 4:30 ★ **Baby's Day Out** 11 a.m., 4:30 ★ **Sirens** 5, 7:30, 10

HERZLIYA

COLONY CINEMA 1-2 (MANDARIN) ☎ 6902666 **Threesome•Four Weddings and a Funeral** 7:30, 10 DANIEL HOTEL ☎ 544044 **THE AUDITORIUM into the West** 7:30, 9:30 STAR ☎ 589068 29 Sokolov St. **Forrest Gump** 7:30, 9:45 ★ **The Siren's Song** 9:45 ★ **The Mask** 11 a.m., 1:15, 5 ★ **Angels** 11 a.m., 1:30, 5 ★ **The Shadow** 11 a.m., 5 ★ **The Real McCoy** 5, 7:30, 9:45 ★ **The Lion King** (Hebrew dialogue) 11 a.m. ★ **The Siren's Song** 9:30

KARMIEL

CINEMA 1–3 ☎ 887277 **A Bronx Tale** 7, 9:30 ★ **The Specialist** 4:45, 7, 9:30 ★ **True Lies** 11 a.m., 4:30, 7, 9:30 ★ **Mr. Nanny** 11 a.m., 5 ★ **The Mask** 11 a.m.

KFAR SAVA

G.G. GIL **The Real McCoy•Timecop** 11 a.m., 1:30, 4:30, 7, 9:15, 11:30 ★ **The Specialist** 7, 9:15, 11:30 ★ **The Lion King** 11 a.m., 1:30, 4:30 ★ **Forrest Gump** 4:30, 7:15, 10 ★ **Baby's Day Out** 11 a.m., 1:30 ★ **True Romance** 9:15, 11:45 ★ **Angels** 11 a.m., 1:30, 4:30, 7 ★ **Four Weddings and a Funeral** 7, 9:15, 11:30 ★ **Thumbelina** 11 a.m., 1:30, 4:30 ★ **The Siren's Song** 7, 9:15, 11:30 ★ **The Shadow•The Lion King (Hebrew dialogue)** 11 a.m., 1:30 ★ **The Specialist** 7, 9:15, 11:30 ★ **Baby's Day Out** 11 a.m., 1:30, 4:30 ★ **Forrest Gump** 4, 7, 9:45 ★ **Timecop** 11 a.m., 1:30, 4:30, 7, 9:15, 11:30

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G.G. GIL 1-5 ☎ 628452 **Forrest Gump** 4, 7, 9:45 ★ **Timecop•The Real McCoy** 11 a.m., 1:30, 5, 7:15, 9:45 ★ **Priscilla** 7:15, 9:45; ★ **The Shadow** 11 a.m., 1:30, 5 ★ **Thumbelina•Free Willy** 11 a.m., 1:30 ★ **The Specialist** 5, 7:15, 9:45 RAV-CHEN 1-4 ☎ 618570 **Pulp Fiction** 7, 9:45 ★ **Four Weddings and a Funeral** 7:15, 9:45 ★ **The Lion King (Hebrew dialogue)** 11 a.m., 1, 3, 5 ★ **The Color of the Night** 7:30, 9:45 ★ **The Siren's Song** 9:45 ★ **The Mask** 11 a.m., 1, 3, 5 ★ **Angels** 11 a.m., 1:15, 4:45, 7:15 ★ **Baby's Day Out** 11 a.m., 1, 3, 5

OR YEHUDA

G.G. GIL **The Specialist•Aya** 7:15, 9:45 ★ **The Flintstones•The Lion King (Hebrew dialogue)** 11 a.m., 1:30, 5 ★ **The Real McCoy** 11 a.m., 1:30, 5,7:15, 9:45 ★ **I Love Trouble** 7:15, 9:45 ★ **Baby's Day Out** 11 a.m., 1:30, 5

PETAH TIKVA

G.G. HECHAL 1-3 ☎ 9300844 **The Real McCoy** 7:15, 9:45 ★ **Baby's Day Out** 11 a.m., 1:30, 5 ★ **Forrest Gump** 7, 9:45 ★ **Angels** 11 a.m., 1:30, 5 ★ **Timecop** 11 a.m., 1:30, 5, 7:15, 9:45 G. G. RAM 1-3 ☎ 9340818 **The Specialist•The Siren's Song•Angels** 5, 7:15, 9:45

RA'ANANA

PARK **Four Weddings and a Funeral** 7:30, 10 ★ **The Color of the Night** 7:30, 10 ★ **Miracle on 34th Street** 5 ★ **The Three Ninja Kids** 11 a.m., 1 ★ **Timecop** 11 a.m., 1, 5, 7:30, 9:45 ★ **It Could Happen to You** 7:30, 10 ★ **Speed** 11 a.m., 1, 5 ★ **Forrest Gump** 7:15, 10 ★ **Baby's Day Out** 11 a.m., 1, 5

RAMAT GAN

RAV-GAN 1-4 ☎ 797121 **Four Weddings and a Funeral** 7:15, 9:45 ★ **The Siren's Song** 7:30, 9:45 ★ **I Love Trouble** 9:45 ★ **The Mask** 11 a.m., 1, 3, 5 ★ **Forrest Gump** 7, 9:45 ★ **Angels** 11 a.m., 1:15, 5, 7:30 ★ **The Lion King (Hebrew dialogue)** 11 a.m., 1, 3, 5 ★ **Baby's Day Out** 11 a.m., 1, 3, 5 RAV-OASIS 1-3 ☎ 6730687 **The Color of the Night•Timecop** 9:45 ★ **The Specialist** 5, 7:30, 9:45 ★ **Timecop•The Color of the Night** 5, 7:15

RAMAT HASHARON

KOKHAV ☎ 5491979 **Clear and Present Danger** 9:30 ★ **Baby's Day Out** 11 a.m., 5 ★ **The Mask** 7

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CHEN 1–4 ☎ 465979 **The Siren's Song•The Color of the Night** 7:15, 9:45 ★ **Aristocats** 11 a.m., 5 ★ **Into the West** 11 a.m., 5 ★ **Angels** 11 a.m., 5, 7:15 ★ **Four Weddings and a Funeral** 9:45 ★ **Baby's Day Out** 11 a.m., 5

RISHON LEZION

HAZAHAV **Timecop** 11 a.m., 1:30, 4:30, 7, 9:15, 11:30 ★ **Timecop** 9:15, 11:30 ★ **Angels** 11 a.m., 1:30, 4:30, 7 ★ **Forrest Gump** 4, 7, 9:45 ★ **Thumbelina** 11 a.m., 1:30 RAV CHEN **Pulp Fiction** 7, 9:45,★ **Four Weddings and a Funeral•The Color of the Night•It Could Happen to You** 7:30, 9:45 ★ **Aristocats** (Hebrew dialogue) 11 a.m., 1, 3, 5 ★ **The Lion King** (Hebrew dialogue)•**The Mask•Baby's Day Out** 11 a.m., 1, 3, 5

RISHON NEW IND. AREA

GAL 1-5 ☎ 9619669 **The Real McCoy** 11 a.m., 1:30, 4:30, 7, 9:15, 11:30 ★ **The Shadow** 11 a.m., 1:30, 4:30★ **The Real McCoy** 7:15, 9:45 ★ **The Specialist** 7, 9:15, 11:30 ★ **The Lion King** (Hebrew dialogue) 11 a.m., 1:30, 4:30 ★ **Natural Born Killers** 7, 9:15, 11:30 ★ **The Flintstones** 11 a.m., 1:30, 5 ★ **The Client** 9:45 ★ **Into the West** 11 a.m., 1:30, 4:30, 7:15 STAR 1-4 ☎ 9619985-7 27 Lishinsky St. **The Color of the Night** 9:45 ★ **The Three Ninjas Kick Back** 11:30 a.m., 5 ★ **Baby's Day Out** 11:30 a.m., 5, 7:15 ★ **The Siren's Song** 7:30, 10 ★ **It Could Happen To You** 5, 7:30 ★ **Speed** 11:30 a.m., 10 ★ **The Blue Kite** 7:15, 10 ★ **Miracle on 34th Street** 11:30 a.m., 5

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G.G GIL ☎ 06-561332 **The Color of the Night•Natural Born Killers** 7, 9:30 ★ **Flintstones•The Shadow** 11 a.m., 1:30, 4:45 ★ **Miracle on 34th Street** 11 a.m., 1:30, 4:45 ★ **The Specialist** 7, 9:30 ★ **The Real McCoy** 11 a.m., 1:30, 4:45, 7, 9:30 ★ **The Flying Camel** 7, 9:30 ★ **Thumbelina** 11 a.m., 1:30, 4:45 ★ **Timecop** 11 a.m., 1:30, 4:45, 7, 9:30 ★ **Forrest Gump** 4, 7, 9:45 ★ **Baby's Day Out** 11 a.m., 1:30 ° Tone phone reservations 03-5252244

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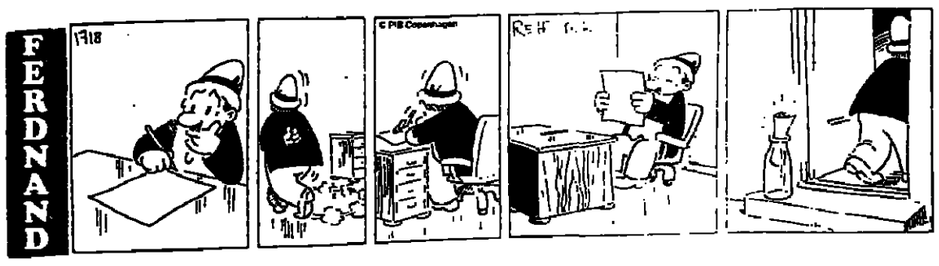

TELEVISION

■ CHANNEL 1

6:30 News **8:45** Cartoon **7:00** Good Morning Israel

■ EDUCATIONAL TV

8:00 Animals and nature in Australia **8:30** Cartoons **8:55** Surprise Train **9:20** Rehov Sumsum **10:00** Family Relations – Children from previous marriages **10:45** Tom Jones **11:10** Young Riders **12:00** Young talent competition **13:30** Keep Fit **13:55** Education News Flash **14:00** Ototo **14:30** Dolphy – cartoon series **15:00** Zombit

■ CHANNEL 1

15:30 The Smurfs **16:00** The Road to Avonlea **16:45** Orson's Farm **17:00** A New Evening **17:35** Hanukka with the President **18:00** Rugrats **18:15** News in English

ARABIC PROGRAMS
18:30 As It Is Said – fables **18:40** Innovations and Inventions **19:00** News in Arabic

HEBREW PROGRAMS
19:30 Cocktail – family magazine **20:00** Mabat **21:00** Night Studio with Meni Pe'er **22:00** World soccer **23:30** News magazine **00:00** Love at First Sight – Inspiration

■ CHANNEL 2

10:00 Cartoon (Hebrew dialogue) **10:30** Folk Tales **11:30** Film: To Save Nine – the widowed mother of nine children has to find a home for them **13:00** The Corsican Bishop **14:00** Star Trek – The Next Generation **15:00** Ready or Not **15:30** Sharky and George **16:00** The Bold and the Beautiful **17:00** Reshet at Five – news magazine **17:30** Power Video **18:00** Dreams – with Uzi Hitman **18:30** Paradise Beach **19:00** Dating Game show **19:30** Sara **20:00** News **20:30** Money – weekly magazine about financial matters **20:45** Candid Camera – with Yigal Shilon **21:30** Live – Dan Shilon Hosts **23:00** There's No One To Talk To – satire **23:45** A Small Place **00:00** News **00:05** A Small Place

■ JORDAN TV (unofficial)

8:55 Educational TV **15:00** Teletext **15:30** Educational TV **17:00** Children's programs **17:30** Documentary **18:30** News in French **19:00** News in Hebrew **19:15** Documentary **20:30** Quantum Leap **23:10** Upper Hand

■ MIDDLE EAST TV

14:00 The Methodist Hour **14:30** John Osteen **15:00** In Touch **16:00** Foundations of a Happy Family **16:30** Film: The Inspector General (1949) – Danny Kaye pretends to be a visiting bureaucrat in an Eastern European village. **18:15** IWF Wrestling **19:00** Middle East TV Sports Hour **20:00** World News Tonight (Arabic) **20:30** CNN Headline News **21:00** NBA Action Show **21:30** NBA **23:30** Answers **00:00** Film: Clouds Over Europe – Laurence Olivier and Ralph Richardson in a tongue-in-cheek espionage tale, with the clever boys stealing British aircraft secrets (78 mins)

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■ FAMILY CHANNEL (3)

8:00 Local Broadcast **9:00** One Life to Live **9:45** The Young and the Restless **10:30** Guests in the Livingroom **11:00** I Love Lucy **11:30** Celeste **12:20** Murphy Brown **12:40** Falcon Crest **13:30** Designing Women **14:00** Israeli clips **14:15** I'll Fly Away **15:50** Knots Landing **16:40** Neighbors **17:00** Love Boat **17:50** Israeli clips **18:05** One Life to Live **18:50** The Young and the Restless **19:30** Local broadcast **20:00** Celeste **20:50** Falcon Crest **21:40** Cheers **22:10** Sisters **23:00** Chances **23:50** Coach **00:15** The Commish **1:05** Murder She Wrote

■ MOVIE CHANNEL (4)

10:30 Where Pigeons Go to Die (1990) (rpt) **12:05** Ship Ahoy (1942) – Eleanor Powell and Red Skelton star in this musical comedy about a tap dancer enlisted as a spy (91 mins) **13:40** Amok (1992) – French drama starring Fanny Ardennes as a woman who discovers she is pregnant and asks a corrupt German doctor to help her with an abortion before her husband returns **15:05** Malone (1987) (rpt) **16:35** Animal Behavior (1989) – romantic comedy set on a poor American college campus, starring Armand Assante, Holly Hunter and a cute chimpanzee **18:05** Sibling Rivalry (1990) (rpt) **19:30** As Summers Die (1986) – in the American South in 1959 a white lawyer is involved in a legal struggle with a black woman over property. He is helped by two women in his family. Starring Scott Glenn, Bette Davis and Jamie Lee Curtis. **21:00** Folks (1992) – slapstick comedy starring Tom Selleck as a stockbroker forced to take time off to look after his aging senile father Don Ameche. **22:50** Yellowbeard (1983) – Python-people Eric Idle, Graham Chapman and John Cleese team up with Mel Brooks's team of Madeleine Kahn and Marty Feldman for this pirate comedy **00:25** Q & A (1990) (rpt) **2:35** The First Power (1990) – black magic and action in this horror-thriller

■ CHILDREN'S CHANNEL (6)

6:30 Cartoons **8:30** Cartoons **9:05** Treasure Island **9:30** Astro Farm **10:05** World of Peter Rabbit **10:30** Weekend Special **11:00** Beverly Hills 90210 **12:00** Animal Park **12:30** My Sister Sam **12:50** Hugo **13:15** Tazmania **13:30** Movie: The Jetsons **15:05** World of Peter Rabbit **15:30** Weekend Special **16:00** Beverly Hills 90210 **17:00** Animal Park **17:30** My Sister Sam **18:05** Jungle **18:30** Eek the Cat **19:00** Cartoons **19:30** Three's Company **20:00** Married with Children **20:20** Hanging with Mr. Cooper **20:45** All in the Family **21:15** Law and Order

■ SECOND SHOWING (6)

22:00 The Last Embrace (1979) – Jonathan Demme (*Silence of the Lambs*) directs this taut thriller about a CIA agent whose wife has been killed and who becomes paranoid that he is next on "their" list. A letter in Hebrew leads him to the Jewish community in New York. Starring Roy Scheider, Janet Margolin and Christopher Walken (97 mins) **23:45** The Prince and the Showgirl (1957) – Laurence Olivier directed and stars in this comedy set during the coronation of George V in 1911. Olivier plays a Ruritanian prince who meets and falls for an American showgirl, nicely played by Marilyn Monroe. (111 mins)

■ DISCOVERY CHANNEL (8)

6:00 Open University: Art and Culture **11:00** Wild South **12:00** Ourselves and Other Animals **12:30** Pirates **13:00** Hermitage of St Petersburg **13:30** A Little Vicious **14:00** Open University **16:00** Wild South **17:00** Ourselves and Other Animals **17:30** Pirates **18:00** Open University **20:00** Pacific Outdoors **20:30** The New Explorer **21:00** White Plague **22:00** Beyond 2000 **23:00** The Hermitage of St Petersburg **00:30** A Little Vicious **00:00** Open University

■ SUPER CHANNEL

7:00 International Business View **7:30** NBC News **8:00** Strictly Business **8:30** Weekly Business **9:00** ITN World News **9:30** International Business View **10:00** Weekly Business **10:30** Strictly Business **11:00** Holiday Destinations **11:30** Memories Then and Now **12:00** Supershop **13:00** Ushuaia **14:00** Chris Bonington – The Everest Years **15:00** Today **16:00** Meet the Press **17:00** The McLaughlin Group **17:30** Weekly Business **18:00** Supersports **20:00** ITN News **20:30** Holiday Destinations **21:00** Videofashion **21:30** Frontal **22:30** Talkin Jazz **23:00** ITN World News Live **23:30** Supersports

■ STAR PLUS

6:00 The Big Byte **6:30** India Business Week **7:00** Whose Line is it Anyway? **7:30** Drop the Dead Donkey **8:00** Piglet Files **8:30** Jeeves and Wooster **9:30** Dynasty **10:30** Richmond Hill **11:30** The Best of Donahue **12:30** The India Show **13:00** Thailand Panorama **13:30** Think Again Special: A Boy Called Troy **14:30** Holiday **15:00** The Big Byte **15:30** Family Pride **16:30** Civil Wars **17:30** Picket Fences **18:30** Street Legal **19:30** St. Elsewhere **20:30** Whose Line Is It Anyway? **21:00** Crystal Maze **

Ministry: We won't close psychiatric hospitals

JUDY SIEGEL

A REPORT that the Health Ministry plans to close all but one of the country's psychiatric hospitals has been sharply denied.

In an article in the *Ma'ariv* magazine on Friday, Dr. Moshe Avnon, director of the Sha'ar Menashe state psychiatric hospital near Hadera, the country's largest, claimed that the entire psychiatric community is up in arms about plans prepared by Health Ministry Director-General Prof. Mordechai Shani and chief ministry psychiatrist Dr. Motti Mark.

Avnon said the two have adopted a policy that has proven a failure in the US and England, where many thousands of discharged psychiatric patients roam the streets and terrorize the population.

Avnon said that in April, the health funds will assume responsible for psychiatric care, instead of the government, and that neither they nor the community clinics are ready for this revolution. He quoted Shani as saying once, but not repeating it, that by 2000, there will be no more psychiatric hospitals.

Shani, in a comment included in the article, denied the ministry intends to close most psychiatric hospitals. "What is being done is to examine professionally all chronically ill patients, and it is likely that 500 of them will be released in a year to hostels and protected housing."

He added that Israel "will not repeat the mistakes made in the US and England. We are pursuing a gradual process in accordance with professional developments."

Kupat Holim Clalit, which owns three psychiatric hospitals and dozens of psychiatric clinics, has no intention of closing any of them, spokesman David Tagar said last night.

Prof. Shmuel Tyano, chairman of the Israel Psychiatric Association, issued a statement Friday disagreeing with Avnon's charges.

"The viewpoints expressed in this article don't represent the level of treatment given today to psychiatric patients in this country, and certainly not the high level of rehabilitation that we have achieved. Modern psychiatry has proven not only that mental patients are not murderers, but that they are less dangerous than the non-psychiatric population."

Thus, said Tyano, who also directs the Geha state psychiatric hospital, the association favors the discharge of patients whose condition is being controlled with medication and who receive close follow-up care in hostels and community clinics.

But no patient has – or will – be discharged without being found suited for outpatient care, he added.

The association, he added, has demanded the establishment of many more outpatient clinics to care for some 1,000 patients who are well enough to leave psychiatric hospitals but are still there because of the lack of facilities.

Outgoing OC Northern Command Yitzhak Mordechai (right) passes his epaulette tag to his successor Maj.-Gen. Amiram Levine at a ceremony Friday. (IDF Spokesman)

Levine takes over as OC Northern Command

DAVID RUDGE

MAJ.-GEN. Amiram Levine on Friday officially took over his duties as OC Northern Command after receiving the epaulette tag from outgoing head Maj.-Gen. Yitzhak Mordechai.

Hundreds of people, including Druse and Beduin, as well as senior IDF officers and soldiers, attended the ceremony in cold and windy conditions at Northern Command headquarters.

Mordechai, who is taking leave before deciding on his future, expressed his appreciation to well-wishers who braved the wintry conditions to attend the formal handing over of command ceremony.

Levine said he was proud to take over the mantle from Mordechai, whom he described as soldiers' soldier.

"I think that if you could summarize Itzik in one word, it would be paratrooper – in the context of a fighter who is in every place and always at the head; as a commander who never missed a front or a battle or a war and was always leading his officers and soldiers," said Levine.

"He is highly experienced, after more than 30 years in the army, and I'm sure that he will find his way to continue to contribute to the security of the State, society and the nation," he said.

Levine is taking over the command at what might prove to be a crucial period with attacks on IDF and South Lebanese Army in the zone occurring on an almost daily basis.

SLA commander Gen. Antoine Lahad, who was also at the ceremony, told *The Jerusalem Post* recent rumors that the SLA was in danger of breaking up, due to uncertainty over the future in the event of peace between Israel and Lebanon, were unfounded.

"The SLA was not founded yesterday. It is a veteran army and a strong one and in a better situation than it has ever been. I don't know what the background is for all the rumors that have gone round in Israel about the SLA breaking up. They are completely baseless."

Histadrut delays debate on Arab vote

MICHAL YUDELMAN

THE Histadrut's leadership had to cancel today's scheduled parliament debate on the election of workers' committee heads in the Arab sector, after the injunction issued last week by the Histadrut's national judiciary authority forbidding appointment of Ram people to such posts.

The injunction not only bans Ram from making such appointments, but also prevents them until democratic elections are held in 13 Arab townships and settlements to determine the labor committee heads there.

The judiciary authority's ruling, which Labor sources described as "a slap in the face to Histadrut Chairman Haim Ramon," halts Ram's attempts to increase their political power in the Arab sector, where Ram, the Histadrut's ruling party, does not have a majority.

Ram leaders, who want to replace incumbent workers' committee heads in the Arab sector with their own people, had passed a decision to do so in the Histadrut Parliament last month.

But the judiciary authority's injunction, which was requested by Labor's Histadrut faction as well as by the Histadrut's labor council section, declares the Parliament's resolutions null and void.

In its appeal to the Histadrut tribunal, Labor demanded that Ram be prevented from using its majority in the Parliament to obtain "narrow partisan interests. Ram had received less than 20% of the vote of the Arab sector, while Labor got the overwhelming majority of 50% to 70%.

Therefore, removing the incumbent Arab workers' secretaries and appointing Ram supporters in their stead would distort democracy and the voters' will."

The judiciary authority ruled that the Histadrut Parliament had acted improperly by not passing the proposal to change the labor council constitution to the Histadrut Constitutional Committee first.

Furthermore, it blasted Parliament Chairman MK Ran Cohen (Ram) for not including the issue on the Parliament's agenda on November 6, when the vote was held, thus agreeing with Labor's stand that Cohen had effected a "vote grab."

Labor Party Spokesman Yoram Dori commented that the judiciary authority's ruling "showed Cohen and Ram that basic democratic rules apply to the Histadrut as well. Ram must understand that the system of political manipulations is over and from now on it must act according to the constitution."

Cohen called a meeting of the Constitution Committee last week to discuss the appointments so that the Histadrut Parliament could decide on them in today's session, instead of the decisions rendered null and void by the tribunal.

But committee member Gideon Ben-Yisrael said the committee has no legal authority because its chairman, Ram member Shai Hermesh, is not an attorney, as required by the constitution.

Ramon blasted for use of personal contracts

MICHAL YUDELMAN

TRADE union leaders and labor council secretaries last week blasted the Histadrut leadership for employing senior workers on personal contracts.

At a stormy, six-hour gathering at Histadrut headquarters Thursday, the union and council leaders roundly condemned Histadrut Chairman Haim Ramon's decision to employ workers by personal contract, pointing out that they now don't have a leg to stand on when fighting employers.

Last week, the labor council secretaries declared a rebellion against Ramon, announcing that until he cancels the wage increases and benefits allotted to those close to him, they would cease all cooperation with him. The labor council secretaries were referring to Ramon's moves to approve managers insurance to people close to him in the Histadrut.

Ashdod man murdered at acid party in Yavne

AN Ashdod man was murdered early Friday morning during an LSD party at Yavne's new central bus station.

At about 5 a.m., three revelers went outside to bring drinks and saw a brawl in which one man was stabbing another. The attacker then fled.

The three brought the injured man to the nearby police station.

On the way, they asked him what had happened, and he would only say: "Nothing happened; nothing special."

When they arrived at the police station, the man collapsed. A Magen David Adom team arrived, but he had already died.

Police arrived at the acid party and took in some 55 revelers, 19-40, for questioning.

Four of them, who police believe can give concrete information, were detained. Moreover, police said they had witnesses to the stabbing.

The victim had a criminal record, police said.

Police believe the murder resulted from a quarrel between criminals. (Itim)

Shahal asks for limitations on gas trucks using highways

AS a result of the Haifa gasoline pipeline leak and the expected number of fuel trucks traveling between Jordan and Haifa, Energy Minister Moshe Shahal has asked that limits be placed on the times at which fuel trucks can use the highways.

He told a Friday press conference in Haifa that he has asked Transport Minister Yisrael Kessar to examine restricting them to traveling between 3 a.m. and 6 a.m.

Shahal said he and Kessar would meet to discuss problems the Transport Ministry raised about his proposal.

He added that a joint team from the two ministries would examine all aspects of the idea.

The closure of the "white gasoline" pipeline may increase the number of gasoline trucks using the highways by several hundred a day, according to Moshe Bar-Ilan, head of the Haifa Oil Refineries. (Itim)

New York hassid killer found guilty

MARILYN HENRY
NEW YORK

AFTER two days of deliberations, a jury found Rashid Baz guilty of murder and attempted murder in the shooting last March of a van carrying yeshiva students on the Brooklyn Bridge.

"This was the most emotional day," Michael Miller, director of the Jewish Community Relations Council in New York, said after the verdict. "The jury forewoman kept reading 'guilty, guilty' – 16 times."

Baz was convicted late Thursday by a jury that rejected his "Beirut defense." The defense attorney had contended that Baz, 28, was not mentally responsible because of the trauma he had suffered growing up in the Lebanese capital. He was described by his attorney as a "teenage war veteran" who had joined one of the Lebanese militias at the age of nine.

Baz faces a minimum 140-year sentence.

Aaron Halberstam, 16, died and three of the 15 other passengers were wounded when Baz sprayed their van with gunfire as the students were returning to Brooklyn from a Manhattan hospital. They had been praying there for the late Lubavitcher Rebbe, Menachem Mendel Schneerson.

Israeli-born Nachum Sasonkin was shot in the head in that attack and had not been expected to survive.

He remains deaf in one ear, slurs his speech and walks with difficulty. Sasonkin testified at the trial, although he could not recall the events.

The entire Lubavitch community of Crown Heights was affected by the shooting. "Virtually every family had a brother, cousin, nephew on that van," said one community activist. "The psychological impact on the community was staggering."

After the verdict, David Halberstam, the dead boy's father, said: "Tonight is the fifth night of Hanukka, whose meaning is that good won over evil. That's what we had tonight. Good won over evil."

Sarid orders probe against firm that failed to report fire

ENVIRONMENT Minister Yossi Sarid on Friday ordered a criminal investigation launched against the KZAA company, after an investigation showed it was operating at a site outside Ashkelon without a proper license.

The probe, led by Environment Ministry Deputy Director-General Aharon Vardi and Southern District director Arik Bar-Sadeh, was launched after a report that a fire had broken out at the plant after lightning hit a tanker.

The fire was not reported as required, and a check Friday by the ministry team showed the site was operating without a license and the necessary permit for plants which use hazardous materials. The investigation will also look into why KZAA did not report the fire.

Reuven Boneh, KZAA managing director, said yesterday that the company "had nothing to hide." He said KZAA was open for the inspection of any inquiry committees, journalists or any other public body interested in seeing its operations. (Itim)

Where Are The Modern Day Maccabees?

Wouldn't the Maccabees ask today

Whose Land is This?

OH ARAB OF ISRAEL...

Oh Arab of Israel
You claim this is your land
When really it isn't,
It's time to understand.

Though on its hills
You tend the sheep,
Your children herd the goats
And in its villages you sleep.

You live in towns and cities
In this, the Jewish land,
Prospering as equals
Far from the Arabian sand.

And in its market places
You buy and sell your wares,
Supported by a system
that everybody shares.

You can work and buy a house
And go to school and learn,
And are given Universities
From the people that you spurn.

So why do you want this Israel,
Where you say you've lived so long?
There's many reasons why you came
where, in truth, you don't belong.

When Jews returned this century
From war and desolation,
They toiled the old waste places,
And restored its desecration.

They turned this conquered wasteland
Into a fruitful field,
And drew the Arab wanderer
To want some of the yield.

Was it not in Palestine
As wanderers you came?
Through the centuries,
In and out again?

Through conqueror and conquered
You sojourned the Middle East,
Illiterate and subjugated
By Prophet, Prince and Priest.

And Islam too fought battles
For power, land and might,
Shifting people at their whim
Not caring for their plight.

In two great wars great powers,
Created countries new from old,
Changing nations borders
To manipulate the gold.

Throughout the world the masses
Are the spoil that victors rule,
Using them to bargain
For power, land and fuel.

The Arabs as a people
Have now, because of oil,
Become the tool of politics,
A pawn for greedy spoil.

But have the oil rich princes
Given the Arab man a home
In one of the 22 countries
They now can call their own?

You now have many homelands,
Back where you've wandered from,
Now oil rich Islamic nations,
From whence your ancestors have come.

So you can now go back to them,
You don't need another State,
Why should you live in Israel
With the Jews you hate?

Oh, Arab of Israel,
You really don't want peace,
The Jews have tried to live with you
But your hatred will not cease.

Instead the deadly knife you wield
to terrorize and kill,
To make them break and yield
To the Arab will.

Oh Arab of Israel,
This land does not belong to you,
For you will NEVER ever claim
God's Homeland of the Jew!!

By Zamira (a non-Jewish friend frequently in Israel, from Vancouver, Canada)

"Then answered Simon, and said unto him, 'we have neither taken other men's land nor holden that which appertaineth to others, but the inheritance of our fathers, which our enemies had wrongfully in possession a certain time. Wherefore we having opportunity, hold the inheritance of our fathers.'"
(Maccabees, XV, 141 BCE)

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NEWS IN BRIEF

Argument ends in stabbing

A Tel Aviv man was seriously wounded Friday when his friend stabbed him during an argument. The two men were walking down Allenby Street talking, when an argument erupted and one pulled a knife. The wounded man was taken to Ichilov Hospital, while his assailant was arrested. *Itim*

Bat Yam man charged with causing boy's death

A Bat Yam man was indicted Friday for negligently causing the death by of an 11-year-old boy, who was crushed to death under an iron closet left on the street by the defendant.

According to prosecutor Rafi Levy, Arik Gabai leaned the closet against the wall of a bomb shelter, sometimes used as a synagogue, blocking its entrance. Two days later, on October 20, 1990, Hanan Mualem's head was crushed under the closet, fatally injuring him. Levy said Gabai was negligent in leaving the closet without anyone to watch it and not arranging for it to be taken someplace where it would not endanger anyone. *Itim*

Man charged with bribing IDF doctor

Yosef Tzitit, 29, of Ramat Gan, has been charged with bribing an army doctor. According to the indictment presented in Tel Aviv Magistrate's Court on Friday, he paid Maj. Zvi Marbani $1,500 to lower his profile so he would be assigned to a reserve unit closer to his home. *Itim*

License bureau to expand hours

Transport Minister Yisrael Kessar has decided to expand the hours of the License Bureau. Starting today, the bureau will be open in the afternoon on Sundays, Tuesdays, and Thursdays. The new hours will first take effect in Jerusalem, Holon, Haifa and Beersheba, to be followed by all offices. *Itim*

Sheves to testify at Deri trial

EVELYN GORDON

SHIMON Sheves, director-general of the Prime Minister's Office, will testify today at the trial of former interior minister Aryeh Deri.

Deri is on trial in the Jerusalem District Court for bribe-taking, fraud, breach of trust and falsifying corporate documents.

Sheves' testimony, which is expected to last several days, will relate to the charge that Deri misused his influence at the ministry to obtain alternate lands for religious families who bought plots in Nebi Samwil.

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